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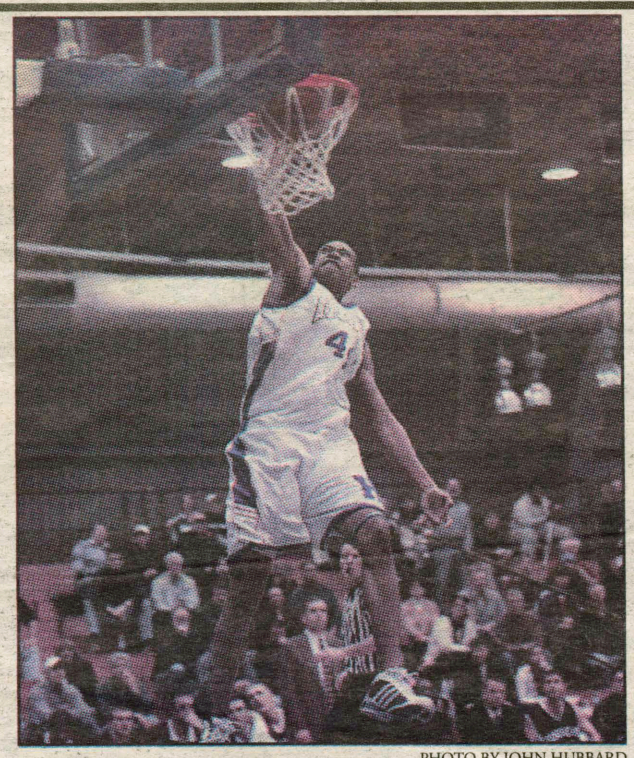

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Hamilton B-Ball wins in overtime. See page 24.

Officer, suspect killed in pair of shoot-outs following theft

by Eric Kuhn '09
Insights & Ideas Editor

FRIDAY, NEW HARTFORD - At the direction of Governor George E. Pataki, all flags at state buildings in Oneida County are at half-mast today. Services began at 12:30 p.m. at St. John Evangelist Roman Catholic Church for fallen New Hartford Police Officer Joseph D. Corr, gunned down Monday night by Walter R. Richardson while in flight of the law. Corr, age 30, leaves behind a wife, a one-year-old girl and two parents.

Governor Pataki sent "the thoughts and prayers of all New Yorkers" to Corr's family and said in a statement: "[Corr] died a hero. The brave men and women who wake up each morning and vow to keep our families and children safe deserve nothing more than the greatest protections we can provide."

Monday Night

At 8:30 Monday night, New Hartford Police Department Officers Joseph Corr and Ronald Fontain responded to a 911 call from the Lennon's-W.B. Wilcox Jewelers, located on Commercial Drive, across from Red Lobster, in New Hartford. The thieves tied up the store employees, disabled the video

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PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

The Oneida County Sheriff's Department examined the scene at the Byrne Dairy in New Hartford.

President Stewart chooses Urgo as new Dean of Faculty

by Martin Connor '09
News Writer

Joseph R. Urgo, chair of the Department of English at the University of Mississippi, has been appointed the new Dean of Faculty for Hamilton College. The appointment was decided by President Joan Hinde Stewart, who described him as a "very thoughtful man and a very creative thinker," marking the end of a long and rigorous search process.

Urgo accepted the appointment immediately. He has expressed great interest in finishing his career at a small liberal arts college and believes strongly that Hamilton is an exceptionally good environment. "What attracted

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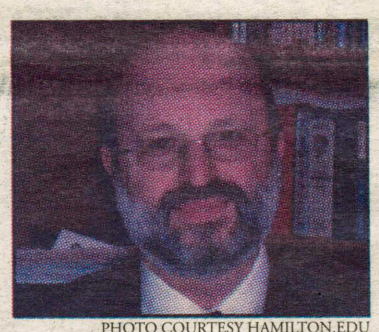

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Joseph Urgo was chosen as the new Dean of Faculty.

Witness in evolution case visits Hamilton

by Laura Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

Dr. Ken Miller, professor of biology at Brown University, presented a lecture titled "Finding Darwin's God" to the Hamilton community on February 28. Dr. Miller's research focuses on cell biology, and he is the co-author of three high school biology textbooks. Outside the lab, Dr. Miller lectures and debates about evolution on the pro-evolution side. He is the author of "Finding Darwin's God: A Scientist's Search for Common Ground between God and Evolution" and most recently was the lead witness for the parents in the 2005 Dover, Pennsylvania Intelligent Design case.

Dr. Miller began his lecture with a question he is often asked: how does one reconcile belief in evolution and religious faith?

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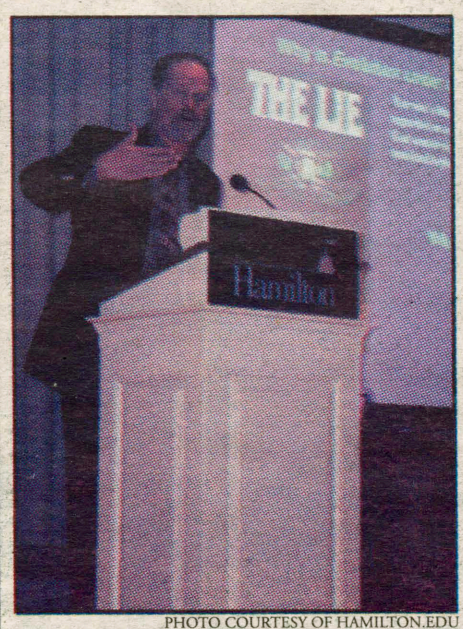

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Dr. Miller addressed answers to many anti-evolution arguments.

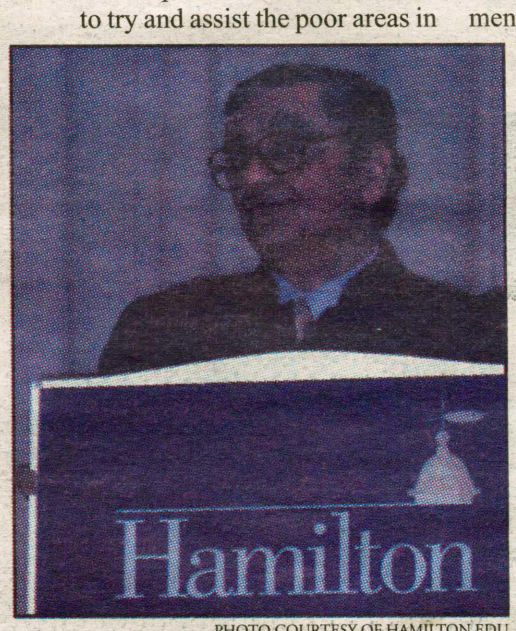
Bhagwati presents lecture in defense of globalization

by Susan Stanton '09
News Writer

This past week the Levitt Center brought Hamilton yet another installment of its year-long lecture series, "The Responsibilities of a Superpower." This week's speaker was Jagdish Bhagwati, who on Wednesday night gave his lecture entitled "In Defense of Globalization."

Bhagwati is a senior fellow in international economics at the Maurice R. Greenberg Center for Geoeconomic Studies as well as a professor of international economics at Columbia University. He has an impressive background in economics including time spent as an economic policy advisor to the Director-General, a special advisor to the U.N. on globalization in 2000, and as an external advisor to the World Trade Organization in 2001.

He is currently a member of the U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan's Advisory Group on the New Partnership for Africa's Development. The group consists of 10 members whose job it is to write reports on what can be done to try and assist the poor areas in Africa and help them absorb aid. One of the issues with this project, Bhagwati says, is that "Africa is a such a diverse place, even more so than the European Union. While you think certain areas are doing very well, you have places like Nigeria where things are going well and then there is a revolt."



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Bhagwati, who works for Kofi Annan in the United Nations, spoke about the benefits of globalization.

The basic problem with helping Africa he says is "the governments, where it is difficult to suggest simple ideas, such aid and trade. But the goal will be to introduce these concepts into significant parts of Africa."

Bhagwati began his lecture by discussing some of the social implications of globalization. Many of these concepts are also explored in his book, "In Defense of Globalization."

He explained the social evils and benefits that will come with globalization, focusing first on child labor. Some may feel that because globalization will create a better rate of return in foreign countries, "wicked parents" will pull their children out of school

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Newton gives lecture on Black Empowerment

by Kara Labs '09
News Writer

The Black Student Union (BSU) invited Fredrika Newton, wife of the late Huey P. Newton and a former Black Panther member, to speak in the Events Barn as Black History month came to a close, on Tuesday, February 28. Last year BSU began recognizing the last day of February as Black Empowerment Day.

"The idea was inspired by 'Black Solidarity Day,' which is celebrated by other neighboring schools. We, the Union wanted our own day to unite ourselves and celebrate the lives of all African-American pioneers, intellectuals and leaders who contributed to America's history," says BSU President Denroy Thomas '08. This year BSU celebrated by having a candlelight march from Burke Library to the Events Barn for the lecture. This is the second year of the march and lecture.

"We will be wearing all black and participating in a candlelight march as a symbol of unity and recognition of their sacrifice," says Thomas. The march of about 25 people started at 7:30 p.m. from the Burke Library. Songs were sung and poems were read on the journey to the Events Barn.

The lecture started at 8 p.m. in the Events Barn. Berenecea Johnson, dean of diversity and accessibility at Hamilton, introduced Fredrika Newton. According to Ms. Newton, one of the reasons that she lectures about the Black Panther Party and her husband is because she feels that there is a need to set the record straight. The crowd of about 50 got an accurate history and depiction of the Black Panther Party.

Ms. Newton said that the image the media gives to the party, as well as the one that is in the history books, is quite inaccurate. People have a "great fear of Black Panthers," she said. She stated that, if there was one thing that Huey would have wanted changed, it would have been the image of guns. He would have toned

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PHOTO BY MEILSSA BALDING '09

Newton spoke about the false image of the Black Panthers created by the media.

Admission office announces Class of 2010 applicant statistics

by Emma Furman '07
Editor-in-Chief

The Office of Admissions received 4,258 applications for Hamilton's Class of 2010, a two percent increase from last year's applications. Hamilton has traditionally accepted roughly 36 percent of applicants. This year's freshman class contains 501 students; a much larger number than Hamilton's target class size: 470.

Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Monica Inzer stated that the Class of 2009 was "a very large first year class," but also stressed that this "is not a bad problem to have."

However, she went on to add that "we'll be very selective and careful with the number of students we admit. We really can't afford to be over-enrolled two years in a row, so we'll be conservative and use the waitlist to climb up to our target number of 470 students in the Class of 2010...Hopefully the right mix and the right number of students choose Hamilton."

Students had to submit regular applications by January 1, while Early Decision I and II applications were due by November 15 and January 1 respectively.

Early Decision applications were at a record high this year, with 515 students applying; a 15 percent increase from last year's numbers.

President Stewart was pleased with the increased number of Early Decision applicants for the Class of 2010, "The early decision numbers show that more students are making Hamilton their first choice. I am grateful to my colleagues in the admission office for their commitment and hard work in shaping the Class of 2010. Hamilton College has wonderful students and it is clear that our new admits will be equally wonderful."

According to Inzer, the academic quality of the applicants for the Class of 2010 is equal to that of recent years. 64 percent of applicants rank in the top 10 percent of their high school classes, and the median SAT score of applicants is 1350.

According to Hamilton's website, traditionally, "79 percent of admitted students rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class" and "the middle 50 percent of accepted students have [SAT] scores between 1320-1480."

Inzer says, "The admission staff is very impressed with the quality of the pool in non-quantifiable ways as well. We're excited about the broad range of interests and diverse experiences this pool presents us with and the potential positive impact they will have on the Hamilton campus."

The diversity of this years' applicant pool has increased from past years. According to Inzer, "15 percent of our applicants are multicultural students from the U.S., [and] an additional 14 percent of our applicants are International. This compares to 14 percent and 13 percent last year, respectively."

Inzer also stated that they "plan to mail decision letters on March 24 and students will have until May 1 (National Candidate's Reply Date) to choose their College."

These applicants will know the cost of their tuition, should they be accepted, following this weekend's Board of Trustees meetings. Tuition for this academic year was $41,660, and is expected to increase for the 2006-2007 year.

Applicant pool for Class of 2010

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Boston high school students visit Hamilton College

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

Last week, over seventy eighth grade students from inner-city public schools in the Boston area visited Hamilton College as part of the Citizen Schools Eighth Grade Academy, which is advertised as "one of the city's premier city-wide after-school education programs," according to Special Assistant to the Executive Director for the Citizens School Liz Walczak '05 Hamilton, along with the University of Vermont, is one of ten College Access Explorations of the year. Citizen Schools introduce their students to a variety of higher education options including engineering schools, community colleges, business schools, Ivy Leagues and liberal arts colleges. These insights help them realize that they have the opportunity to go to college if they work hard enough.

The after-school program that they are involved in teaches them about the confidence and skills that they need for achievement and prepares them for the life ahead of them. The trips to colleges, such as Hamilton, are designed to inspire and motivate them in a way that a classroom demonstration cannot.

John Werner, a 1992 Hamilton graduate and Executive Director of Citizens Schools Boston, got the college involved with this innovative program. After a successful visit last year, Hamilton was more than willing to welcome a new group of students this year. Amy James, coordinator of international student services, said that people all over campus were very giving of their time for this event. In addition to James, some other faculty members who were involved in the three-day extravaganza, which

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LIZ WALCZAK '05

Students from Boston's Citizens School visited the campus last week.

U.N. advisor speaks on campus

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to make more money. The "virtuous parent," on the other hand, would see that they are making more money and encourage their children to stay in and go to school because they can afford to have them not work. Bhagwati says, "If there is a malign impact, as with the wicked parent, then we will pull back."

Bhagwati also spoke with regard to women's issues and globalization. He reasoned that if a man were being paid twice as much as a woman for the same job, the boss would eventually see how inefficient this is and stop paying twice as much for the same work. With the objects of globalization being to obtain the same quality goods more efficiently and for less money, people will want to hire more women.

Then Bhagwati began to focus on the economic implications of globalization. He felt these concepts would be increasing important for the upcoming Presidential election.

He explained that both trade and income have expanded in the past 40 years, but there is an identification problem in finding which is the driving force. But he feels, "increased trade basically leads to increased technical change and efficiency."

He also spoke about how our country fears becoming poor because of trading with poorer countries. He, however, reasons, "not international trade but technical change... has lowered the wages of unskilled workers. Unskilled labor is facing a lack of possibilities."

Bhagwati believes that technical change will create a new area of jobs. He gave the example of the decreased need for secretaries because now we all have PC's. But as he stated, "that wretched software is always breaking down." Those who fix computers will earn three times as much as unskilled workers and receive other perks and benefits.

Another fear he brought up was outsourcing. He stated that "outsourcing just means that the user and producer don't have to be together." He also brought up that "the fear is as a nation, we'll be losing our middle class jobs." Bhagwati pointed out that globalization was a business of time zones, and while we are sleeping or on vacation from middle class jobs, other countries can share in the work.

A major theme that ran through Bhagwati's lecture and one of the thoughts he closed on was that he felt, as member of the Democratic part, that "in the end, the Democratic Party is going to have to face up and have a good view of globalization, instead of fearing it."

Bhagwati then opened up the floor to questions. Students and faculty stayed to further discuss and debate his theories on globalization.

The Levitt Center's next speaker in this series will be Larry Diamond, who will speak to Hamilton about "Democracy Development" on April 10.

Black History Month a success

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down the image of violence that so many people associate with the party.

Ms. Newton started off by giving a history of herself and her husband. Mr. Newton founded the party along with friend Bobby Seale in 1966. It was originally called the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense. They felt that there was a need to protect themselves from violence and aggression against African-Americans. There were often pictures circulated of Newton holding a gun in one hand and a law book in the other. Ms. Newton went on to say that Mr. Newton was a law student, and in 1974 he received a Ph.D. from the University of California.

She presented a slide show with pictures of some of the events that the party sponsored, and noted one of the missions of the Black Panther Party: "we saw a need in the community and filled it." She presented the party platform, the Ten Point Platform, outlining the goals that the party hoped to accomplish. Some of the events that the party coordinated and sponsored were handing out groceries to the poor in the park, Sickle Cell Anemia testing and transporting people to see their loved ones in jail.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PBS.ORG

Students marched from Burke Library to the Chapel to see Newton speak in celebration Black Empowerment Day.

Huey was murdered in 1989. Ms. Newton left the party a few years after. She concluded her lecture by saying that there were 28 members of the Black Panther Party murdered by police, and some members are still in jail. After the lecture she took questions from the audience. Originally, BSU wanted to only ask pre-submitted questions because Ms. Newton was a potentially controversial speaker. She ended by saying that everyone has a duty to do something for the community.

Citizens School visits campus

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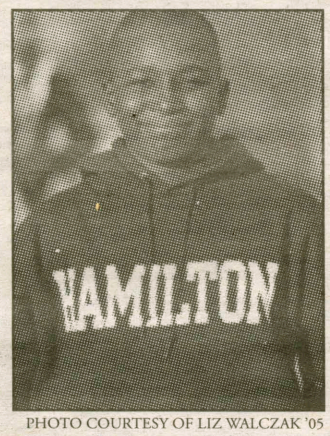
included activities ranging from holding alligators in a biology lab to scrimmaging college football players-were Assistant Professor of Physical Education Patty Kloidt, Professor of Chemistry Karen Brewer, Assistant Professor of Physics Gordon Jones, Associate Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin and Professor of Government Steve Orvis.

James, who organized the visit, said, "I love the idea of capturing these kids before they get to high school," because it gives them time to weigh their options. By giving the students options to strive for before they enter high school, it makes their goals more feasible to accomplish. Debbie Fichtner, mother of Matthew Fichtner, who attends Edwards Middle School agrees that, "It is great to have dreams and work toward making your dreams come true. It is wonderful that you have Citizens Schools to help you accomplish your dreams and set goals for your future."

Werner, who played an influential role during the three days at Hamilton, encourages every eighth grader to think of themselves as potential students on the campus in order to make their dreams come alive. Not surprisingly, students' dreams are already coming true. After visiting Hamilton last year as a junior as part of Citizens Schools, Ledi Cabral of the Boston Latin School will be attending Hamilton in the fall with a full-scholarship for leadership. The enthusiasm of the students of Citizens Schools and everyone involved helped make the three-day program on the hill a successful one and will continue to in the future.



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The Citizens School visited Hamilton College to give students a taste for college life.

IVORY TOWERS

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The ability to handle complex reading is the major factor separating high school students who are ready for college reading from those who are not, according to a new report.

The study by ACT, a nonprofit company that tests students, found that most states contribute to the lack of college preparedness by not requiring complex reading comprehension in high school. In fact, ACT found that most states don't have any standards at all for high school reading achievement.

"If you're not asking for it, you're not going to get it," said Cynthia Schmeiser, senior vice president for research and development at ACT, formerly known as American College Testing.

In complex reading passages, organization may be elaborate, messages may be implicit, interactions among ideas or characters may be subtle and the vocabulary is demanding and intricate.

The ACT isolated reading complexity as a critical factor by analyzing the results of the 1.2 million high school seniors in 2005 who took the well-known ACT college entrance test. Based on that test, only 51 percent of students showed they were ready to handle the reading requirements of a typical first-year college course.

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON (AP) – Rescuers who helped pull victims out of the Sago and Aracoma mines said Thursday they are still waiting to be interviewed by federal investigators, who have not yet turned to them for insight into the January accidents.

Waiting to contribute to and learn more about the investigations has been difficult, the rescuers said during a visit to Capitol Hill that coincided with Senate hearings into mine safety.

"I would like to personally find out what their findings are," mine rescuer Jim Klug said. "We're just as curious as you are."

The rescuers were vocal about their displeasure over federal rules that require mine rescue teams to be within two hours from mines. They said teams should be much closer than that and should be assigned to specific mines, so they could be familiar with them during accidents.

It costs about $250,000 to train and equip a team, they said. Rescuer Harry Powell compared the cost to insurance: companies don't want to spend the money on it, but they "like it when they need it."

The rescuers declined to talk about their experiences inside the Sago and Aracoma Coal Alma No. 1 mines, citing the investigations into the January accidents in West Virginia. One person survived and 12 people were killed at Sago, and two were killed in the fire at the Aracoma mine.

WORLD NEWS

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) -- Uruguayans are saying "adios" to tobacco smoke in the workplace, shopping malls and many other enclosed public spaces, thanks to a new law promoted by a local cancer specialist -- who also happens to be the nation's president.

The law, which went into effect Wednesday, aims to reshape the habits of as many as 1 million smokers in this small South American nation and penalizes lighting up in offices, shops, restaurants and other indoor areas.

Leftist President Tabare Vazquez, a practicing oncologist who saw patients even as he took office, had pushed for the law. Its implementation coincides with the first anniversary of his taking office.

The law authorizes Public Health Ministry inspectors to levy penalties of $1,000 or more on businesses where people smoke against the rules. Fines increase for repeat offenders, and businesses could even be shut down temporarily.

Anti-smoking groups estimate that as many as a third of Uruguay's 3.4 million people smoke. Vazquez has cited reports suggesting about seven people die each day in Uruguay from smoking-related causes, including lung cancer, emphysema and other illnesses.

Uruguay's Congress passed the law last year. Vazquez noted that similar measures "have been implemented with success in many parts of the world," citing smoke-free laws in Norway and New Zealand, among others.

But some smokers already are grumbling. On Wednesday, even as no-smoking signs were going up in government offices and restaurants, some said the law was overly restrictive and among the toughest in Latin America.

New Hartford cop killed defending local store

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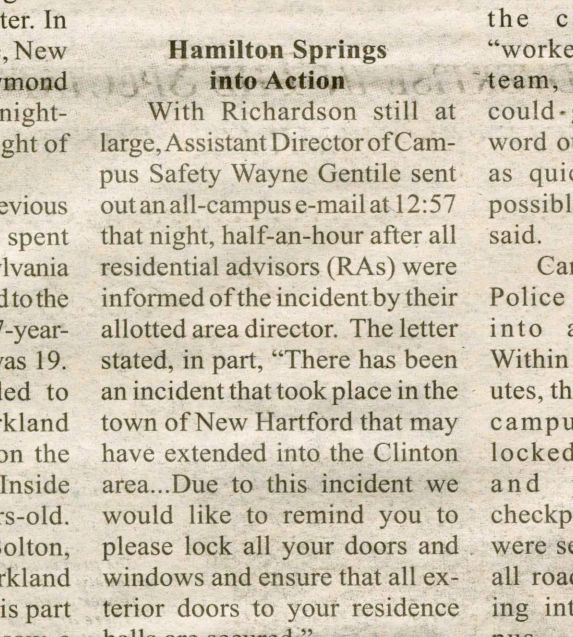
surveillance equipment and dashed out of the store with over $1 million in watches, loose diamonds and other items.

When police arrived at the scene, they pursued the robbers towards the Town of Kirkland in a high speed car chase. The vehicle driven by the suspects arrived at Kirkland's Byrne Dairy (corner of Clinton Street and Route 5) and crashed in the parking lot. John T. Healy, a 47-year-old with a prior criminal history, was apprehended at that point. Byrne Dairy employees were ordered by their corporate office not to talk with reporters, and Red Lobster declined an interview as well.

Richardson, a 36-year-old, fled the scene on foot with law enforcement right behind. Corr, a six-year veteran, was shot by Richardson once in the neck, inches above his bullet proof vest and was pronounced dead later that night at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. In a tearful press conference, New Hartford Police Chief Raymond Philo said, "It's my worst nightmare. It was the worst night of my life."

Richardson had a previous record of violence and spent thirteen years in a Pennsylvania prison after being connected to the shooting and death of a 17-year-old cheerleader when he was 19.

Richardson proceeded to cross the street to Kirkland Automobile and knock on the window of a tow-truck. Inside was Joe Bolton, 33-years-old. Eating a slice of pizza, Bolton, who works nights at Kirkland Auto and during the day is part of the National Guard, saw a man waving a gun at him, telling him to drive to Pennsylvania. Richardson told Bolton to call his girlfriend and tell her they were going to Watertown, the opposite direction of Pennsylvania.



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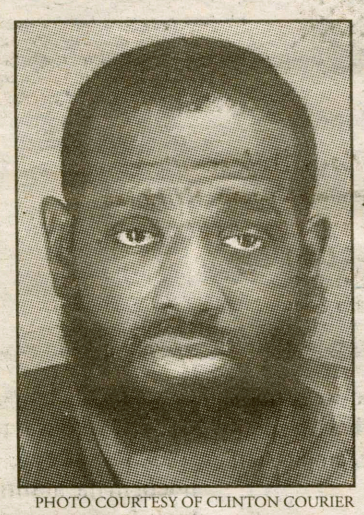
New Hartford Police Officer Joseph D. Corr was gunned down during his pursuit of the two assailants.

Assemblyman David Townsend (R,C,I,WF-Kirkland), a former law enforcement officer who lost a partner in the line of duty, said in a statement: "I understand all too well what Officer Corr's colleagues are going through right now and I asked the Governor to honor his sacrifice. Officer Corr's talents and skills as an investigative officer will be sorely missed by the members of his department and the entire community of New Hartford."



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John T. Healy was apprehended and will be charged with second-degree murder. He is being held in the Oneida jail.

Hamilton Springs into Action

With Richardson still at large, Assistant Director of Campus Safety Wayne Gentile sent out an all-campus e-mail at 12:57 that night, half-an-hour after all residential advisors (RAs) were informed of the incident by their allotted area director. The letter stated, in part, "There has been an incident that took place in the town of New Hartford that may have extended into the Clinton area...Due to this incident we would like to remind you to please lock all your doors and windows and ensure that all exterior doors to your residence halls are secured."

Some students were frightened by the e-mail, especially due to its ambiguity, and it also prompted parents to call the school in concern. Katie Painter '08, an RA in Bundy West was frightened and outraged at the e-mail. "The e-mail was more detrimental than helpful," she said, "because as college students, I feel like we are mature enough to handle it. We should have the information to know what is going on so we can feel better about what is going on." She claims that when the RA's were contacted there was confusion about how to deliver the message to the students. "There was a lot of confusion about how we should have used that information and what we were supposed to do."

Patricia Ingalls, director of Campus Safety, defended the e-mail, even though she did not pen it. "It's all we had," she said. "We sent [the e-mail] immediately; as soon as we were aware there was a search because we wanted students to know. We wanted to make sure they didn't prop the doors. I don't think they even broadcasted a description until [Tuesday]." Ingalls says that the only available description was of a "black male with blue hooded sweatshirt," and that the official description was not given until the next day. Every administrator around the campus "worked as a team, so we could get the word out there as quickly as possible," she said.

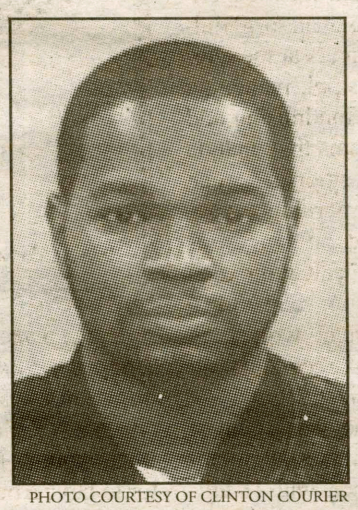
Campus Police sprang into action. Within 45 minutes, the whole campus was locked down and police checkpoints were set up on all roads leading into campus. Ingalls applauds the campus officers saying, "We have a wonderful, pro-active staff and when our late night shift was coming in, they set up the roadblock once we determined there was a manhunt."

Tuesday

As the greater New Hartford-Kirkland area began to wake up to the news, local authorities along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Marshal Service, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Oneida County Sherriff's Department, New York State Police, the United States Attorney's Office, Department of Defense Criminal Investigative Service, officers of the Environmental Conservation Department, Parks and Recreation Department, New York State Parole and the Utica, Kirkland, Oneida City, Whitestown, Whitesboro, Vernon, Rome, Yorkville and SUNY Police Departments were all chasing Richardson.

Donations for the family of Joseph Corr are being collected at the Hamilton College Campus Safety office.

At the local Myles Elementary school in New Hartford, students came to school slightly tired after hearing helicopters and sirens all night. In a phone interview, Cynthia A. Langone, principle of Myles Elementary school, reported that she had "the perimeter of the building locked with a single point of entry" and an extra staff member at the door. Students stayed in at recess and all school members had to sign in, but she said it was "pretty much business as usual" and that she would let the parents tell their children about the events.



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Walter T. Richardson was shot and killed by U.S. Marshalls during a shoot-out in Chester, PA.

Hamilton College that night had its regular two guards on duty, and all checkpoints were taken down, because there was no further worry.

Shoot-Out & Aftermath

United States Marshalls and a special task S.W.A.T. force surrounded the Richardson's rowhouse in Chester, Pennsylvania on Tuesday night. Richardson fired on the U.S. Marshalls and hit one who was wearing a bulletproof vest and was thus not seriously injured. Marshalls shot back, and Richardson was declared dead by officers on the scene.

Richardson was the subject of two previous manhunts and responsible for other Philadelphia-area jewelry robberies. Tisa Smith, a Chester resident and close family friend of Richardson drove immediately to the scene when the suspect's family told her what occurred. She said, "He's a good person. He's a great person. He was loved by a lot of people. I don't know him going out like this. He would do anything for you."

Lennon's-W.B Wilcox Jewelers will be open again on Monday.

John T. Healy is now in the Oneida jail and will be charged for second-degree murder in connection with Corr's death. The minimum sentence is 15 years to life in prison if convicted. A notice released by the governor's office suggested that Pataki would seek the death penalty.

With more information available on Thursday, Chief Philo told the *Observer-Dispatch* that the "investigation is far from over." The police are now saying that there were at least four masked armed robbers at the jewelry store on Monday.

A fund has been set up for Joseph Corr's daughter to go towards her college education. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off with Campus Security.

Charles J. Kershner, executive editor of the *Clinton Courier*, said, "The killing of Richardson, while seemingly exciting, is just the end of a very tragic story. Lost in the early sequence of events was the victim as the manhunt pressed for his assailant. This is in our area a very unusual event, one, as I said in today's editorial, takes the breath away from the living when it happens."

PHOTO COURTESY OF UTICA OBSERVER-DISPATCH

Officials investigate the car that the assailants crashed into a gas pump at the Byrne Dairy in New Hartford.

The Spectator

Students should break out of Hamilton bubble to support Corr family

by *The Spectator* staff

While carrying out his duty to protect the citizens of New Hartford, Officer Joseph D. Corr was shot and killed by Walter R. Richardson, who was attempting to rob a jewelry store. Corr was just 30 years old and left behind not a only a greatly unfinished life, but also a one-year-old daughter, his wife and parents. Sergeant Paul Colburn of the New Hartford Police Department told *The Spectator* that he was a "hard working cop, [who] liked to go out and do his job, enjoyed his family and loved playing softball and doing construction type of work." Born and bred in New Hartford, Officer Corr was a dedicated member of the community and volunteered with the local fire department.

In our neighboring towns, everyone knew, or knew of, Officer Corr. For residents of Clinton, New Hartford and the Town of Kirkland, this week has been a nightmare. On the Hill, we were outraged and insulted that the e-mail sent out by Assistant Direct of Campus Safety Wayne Gentile did not disclose enough information. When we learned that Officer Corr died, we were shocked and saddened.

Within 45 minutes of the shootout, campus police surrounded the College at each of its four entrances to ensure the safety and stability of our "bubble;" the reality of the situation hit home for many. While the events of this past week caught the attention of many students on campus, we should recognize that we can never be too aware of what is going on in the world around us. There are many events that should break through our bubble to gain our attention and care. Officer Corr's death was one of these.

We should care that his wife must raise their baby as a single parent and struggle to provide for her and send her to college some day, a privilege we all currently enjoy. Students should come out of their apathy and their bubble, take the time to realize the horror of this tragedy for the Corr family and make a visit to the Campus Safety Office to donate even a few dollars to help ensure Officer Corr's daughter the future he was robbed of providing for her.

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Urgo new DoF/VPAA

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me in particular to Hamilton is the quality of its faculty and students and the energy that exists at Hamilton," said Urgo, adding that for him this is a return to the roots of his education as a graduate of Haverford College.

The extensive search began last fall. Urgo was one of four finalists selected by a search committee in early February. The search committee, headed by Patrick Reynolds, professor of biology, included ten distinguished members of the Hamilton faculty and administration, and one student. The four finalists visited Hamilton for a day and half, meeting with students, administrators, faculty and staff. Pre-scheduled meetings, open to the entire campus, were held with each candidate. "We brought to campus four candidates that we thought had strengths for the job, but I think that Professor Urgo impressed a wide variety of people across these different interview groups, and I think that he had broad support and was the clear preference of the four candidates," said Reynolds.

Reynolds described Urgo, saying that he has shown "thoughtfulness on various issues that come up in the Dean of Faculty office, he is personable, and he has a very impressive record of scholarship." Reyonolds continued, expressing the opinion that Urgo's experience has prepared him for and will aid him greatly in his new position as Dean of Faculty.

Urgo received an undergraduate degree from Haverford College, a master's degree from Wesleyan University, and both a master's degree and a Ph.D. from Brown University. Urgo has had positions at numerous colleges and universities. He served as a teaching fellow at Brown Univesity, as an assistant professor of English at Syracuse University, as an assistant professor of English at Vanderbilt University, as an assistant professor then associate professor of English and Humanities at Bryant College before being appointed department chair, and as professor and chair of the department of English at the University of Mississippi, his current position.

At both the University of Mississippi and Bryant College, Urgo gained much administrative experience. He served as chair to 40 full-time faculty members at the University of Mississippi, managing scholarships and fundraising and overseeing programs that include Freshman Composition, a speech program, and the writing center. Urgo also served on numerous committees that dealt with such issues as curriculum revisions, a faculty development workshop, and even a racial reconciliation choreography project.

As chair of the department of English and humanities at Bryant College, a department with 18 full-time faculty members, Urgo worked on a curriculum restructuring initiative and served on numerous curriculum and college organization, diversity, college policy and presidential and trustee representation committees.

"I have experience at lots of different places, with lots of different ways of doing things and different ways of understanding education," said Urgo. "I think that it's important for any administrator to have a broad background in different kinds of institutions."

As dean of faculty, Urgo will have a spectrum of responsibility. He will directly oversee the 183-member Hamilton faculty as well as many academic support programs on campus. He will oversee the library, the Writing Center, the Emerson Gallery and the Registrar's office. Urgo will also have responsibility for much of the campus staff as well.

Urgo will be taking over for David C. Paris as dean of faculty on July 1 of this year. "My wife and I are exited at the prospect of moving, and I am really enthusiastic at starting the job. The very first thing I will do is to meet the faculty and carry on discussions I've already begun with different administrators, faculty leaders and department chairs," said Urgo.

Faculty, administrators and students alike are all highly confident in the abilities of Urgo and look forward to the commencement of his appointment as dean of faculty. President Stewart emphasized her confidence in the appointment, citing Urgo's enthusiasm in accepting the appointment and his eagerness to take on his new position, calling it "a wonderful way to begin a relationship."

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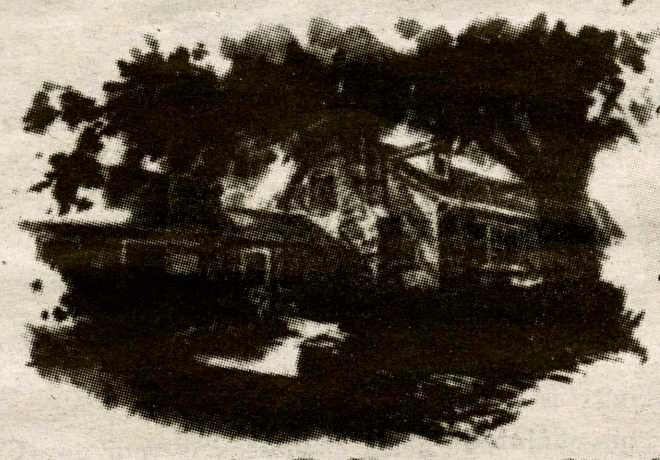

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Insights & Ideas

Hamilton's Hypocrisy and Greek Societies

by Ian Mandel '06
Senior Editor

Part one

Hamilton College prides itself on treating students equally, regardless of race, gender, disability or ethnicity. Rightly so, the College makes it a priority to recruit a diverse student body and faculty. The College has acknowledged that diversity is crucial to providing students with an optimum educational experience.

This conviction can be seen on the Hamilton website, where the Department of Biology has posted an advertisement seeking applications for a one-year ecology visiting assistant professorship. At the bottom of the announcement, the following words appear: "Hamilton College is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity employer and encourages diversity in all areas of the campus community." It seems fair to say, then, that Hamilton is committed to treating Hamiltonians equally and in rejecting hurtful stereotypes. Sadly, the administration's blatant discrimination against students who choose to join Hamilton's fraternities and sororities sheds doubt on this assumption.

It recently came to my attention that the administration asks, and all but demands, that the presidents and "pledge masters" of each Greek Society at Hamilton sign a form stating that they understand the College's hazing policy and that they will not engage in hazing activities. My goal is not to denounce Hamilton's hazing policies, which I believe are entirely justified. Instead, I would like to focus my argument on the reasons that Greek Societies, and NO OTHER CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS, are asked to sign these forms.

The only answer to this question is that College administrators have bought into the negative stereotypes about fraternities and sororities. If Hamilton did not believe that Greek organizations and their members haze students or that they are prone to hazing activities, it would not single them out to sign these forms. The College must have a set of beliefs about fraternities and sororities that has influenced this decision.

Doesn't sound so bad, huh? Everyone is familiar with the stereotypes, so why shouldn't we have Greek students sign a waiver saying they won't haze? Let's look at a comparable example to explain. Young African-Americans Against Media Stereotypes, an organization that addresses the treatment of African Americans in the media, cites violence as one of the most prevalent stereotypes perpetuated by the media. The idea that African Americans are violent has, unfortunately, been a lasting stereotype that has plagued this country for centuries. During Reconstruction, southern whites feared that blacks would sexually assault white women. Today, many whites hold the stereotype that African Americans are violent criminals, a result of media bias and other historical discriminatory trends. This, however, is merely a stereotype, and a very negative one at that.

Based on the logic used by the College requiring Greek societies to sign anti-hazing waivers, shouldn't the Black Student Union, the Brothers Organization and other groups composed of Hamilton's minority populations be required to sign waivers that they will not rob members of the community or commit other acts of violence? Such an assertion is utterly ridiculous. The College would never consider such a racist policy based solely on the stereotypes of African Americans. It would be wrong, and it would be unacceptable to the Hamilton community and to the nation at large. But this is exactly what the College is doing to Greek students. It singles them out based on negative conceptions and treats them differently.

Yes, this is an extreme example, but it is meant to show that using negative stereotypes about organizations or individuals is discriminatory, hurtful and antithetical to the mission of Hamilton College, regardless of which stereotype we're talking about. Why should the College engage in one form of discrimination, while denouncing other forms? The fact is, the College's policy of requiring Greeks to sign the anti-hazing waiver is hypocritical and should be changed. If Hamilton believes having students promise not to haze is an important goal, then it should not single out groups and individuals that they believe, based on popular stereotypes, are prone to hazing. This is just as discriminatory as acting upon historic racial stereotypes. If the College wishes to keep this policy, it should be extended to every organization, club and team. Otherwise, it should be abandoned altogether.

Either way, the Hamilton administration owes fraternity and sorority members an apology. The Hamilton community needs to stand up and demand that no student be discriminated against by the administration, regardless of the categorizing criteria or how popular the stereotype might be.

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Thumbs up

- Sigma Phi turning 175. But shhh, don't tell anyone.

- Evolution.

- A Senior's Friday Classes: 4 p.m.: Bring professor to the pub. 5 p.m.: Milking trustees for booze. 5:15 p.m.: Get kicked out of Hub for hitting on Trustee wives.

- Mardi Gras in Commons: Great food but where are the boobies?

- "The Nuggsy" (students.Hamilton.edu/2006/akurz).

- Wine Tasting Club: Boosting resumes one alcoholic at a time.

- Phi Beta Kappa inductees.

- Basketball team accumulating more points than the Dawg Pound.

Thumbs down

- Hamilton's internet slowdown: We didn't realize the internet majored in communications.

- Intelligent design.

- Hamilton's Soduku craze: more fun than your mom.

- Being downwind in your post-Commons Yoga class.

- Friday's "Golden Invasion Party:" Does that include you urinating on us?

- ATX/DU bowling party: only time where a bowling ball is the smartest thing in the room.

- Jesse's new haircut. Guess the head pubes look is out.

- The jewelery store fugitive: Challenging the marting's way cat for sketchiest night roamer.

by Jesse Gaylord '06, Daniel Horowitz '06, Julia Levine '06 and Whitney Bull '06

Who cares

- South's Tourguide Room: Attracting as many underage boys as a KDO party.

- The Oscars: Hopefully "Crash" will win, because we haven't seen that much racial drama since last week's column.

- Personal Financial Skills Workshop: You mean daddy won't do my taxes forever?

- Looking for love this weekend? Must not care about large endowments. Contact Dan at x2604. You pay for dinner.

- The number of unknown frats and sororities on campus: you guys are like post-Bundy Party rashes; you just materialize one day

- Looking for a ride to Syracuse Airport. Will provide gas, Funions and road head.

- Eric "might only be a freshman at Hamilton College, but he has taken the world of journalism by storm" Kuhn. (www.erickuhn.com)

Foriegn port deal: Bad for Bush, Bad for America

by Nicholas Berry '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

America's 360 ports are the gateway for 90 percent of the nation's imports and exports. The overwhelming majority of these ports are leased or owned by foreign companies. Foreign companies run about half of the terminals on the East Coast and virtually all of them on the West Coast.

These companies, which are responsible for moving goods on and off ships, typically lease space from a domestic port authority. The foreign presence at America's ports is nothing new; it is the by-product of globalization and the decline in the number of American companies in the shipping business. So, it is not surprising that, when Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. (P&O), a British firm that owns six major U.S. ports, was recently acquired by another foreign company, it did not make the headlines.

This seemingly minor maritime takeover was paid little attention until it was revealed that the company buying the British firm and its six American ports was Dubai World Ports, a company owned and operated by the government of the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.). Suddenly, a political storm erupted as the American people began to think that U.S. ports, a major frontline in the war against terror, were being handed over to Arabs, which, in the public's view, is synonymous with terrorists.

The Bush administration, which approved the port deal, has offered assurances that the U.A.E. takeover of port operations will not threaten port security. President Bush and his allies have stated that the U.A.E. has been a valuable partner in the war on terror. They have emphasized that the U.A.E. has frequently cooperated with the war by allowing a large number of port calls by U.S. military and commercial ships and making its airfields available to the U.S. military.

The Arab nation has also assisted with the arrest of numerous terror suspects. But, many Democrats and Republicans are uncomfortable with the deal, citing the U.A.E.'s past brushes with terrorism. According to the 9/11 Commission's Report, there are possible ties between U.A.E. government officials and Osama bin Laden.

The report raises concerns that these government officials were directly associating with bin Laden as recently as 1999 when the al-Qaida leader made frequent trips to an Emirate hunting camp in Afghanistan. There have also been reports of terrorist money being funneled through U.A.E. banks. Furthermore, eleven of the Saudi hijackers had traveled to the U.S. via the Dubai airport (Dubai is the U.A.E's largest city).

Opponents to the deal have also cited legal concerns. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) and Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) have both accused the administration of going through the review process of the deal too quickly. According to U.S. law, there is a mandatory 45-day extension placed on the review of any business deal that could possibly threaten U.S. security. Bush administration officials involved in the review denied this accusation, saying that all security concerns were addressed and resolved during the review process.

Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Clinton also brought up the point that Dubai World Ports is a government-owned company while the former British company was a publicly traded company. This makes all the difference when it is the U.A.E. government and not the company that is suspected of having ties to terrorism. They have vowed to introduce legislation that will prohibit companies owned or controlled by foreign governments from running port operations in the U.S. Other lawmakers are upset that the president was unaware of the pending sale until the deal had already been approved by his administration.

A final legal concern regarded the nature of the agreement between the federal government and the port company. Under the secret conditions of the agreement with the Bush administration, the U.A.E. company promised to cooperate with any U.S. investigations as a condition of the deal. But, the administration chose not to impose other routine restrictions.

The agreement does not require Dubai Ports to keep copies of its business records on U.S. soil, where they would be subject to orders by American courts. It also does not require the company to designate an American citizen to accommodate requests by the government. Both obligations are routinely attached to U.S. approvals of foreign sales in other industries.

Dubai World Ports has volunteered to delay part of its takeover to allow President Bush more time to convince skeptical members of Congress that the disputed deal poses no security risks. It still plans to move forward with other parts of the deal affecting other parts of the world. According to a company spokesperson, "the reaction in the United States has occurred in no other country in the world."

In the meantime, the U.A.E. company has hired lobbyists from firms led by Bob Dole and Madeline Albright to help persuade skeptical lawmakers to endorse the deal.

Although the U.A.E. company will oversee the major operations of the six U.S. ports, it will not have a significant impact on security. Experts point out that port security is and always has been the responsibility of U.S. Customs and the U.S. Coast Guard. Politicians, therefore, should be debating about lapses in homeland security, not about port ownership. Every year, eight million containers pass through U.S. ports. Of these eight million containers, however, only six percent get close inspection.

That's a low number, say terrorism experts, who warn that this is where the U.S. is most vulnerable, and it may be the easiest to fix. Experts agree that increasing inspection to just ten percent would create a quantum leap in protection that would be relatively inexpensive. Hiring more port inspectors, who are in short supply, would also help improve security.

The Homeland Security Department has also implemented a new state of the art system designed to track suspect containers, called the National Targeting Center, which analyzes a container's origin and contents in order to pinpoint all potentially high-risk cargo. Port security does not stop on U.S. shores.

It is a process that begins when foreign ports send containers to the U.S. The goal is to keep dangerous cargo from ever reaching the U.S. by stopping it at its source. Although U.S. inspectors are stationed in these ports, this step in the security process depends on foreign cooperation.

Ironically, the U.A.E. is one of the countries that has voluntarily complied with all U.S. port security requests. In fact, its port in Dubai is a model of post-9/11 port security. It uses high-tech equipment to search high risk containers, such as gamma-ray machines that scan for radioactive material. The Dubai port has also abided by international standards requiring fences and identification badges.

Yet, the Dubai port's security measures have their limitations. Gamma-ray scans, for example, cannot penetrate even moderately dense containers, which could be used to shield nuclear material. Thus, gaps in security spread from this model port to those in the U.S. There is trouble that spreads up and down the supply chain at critical points across the globe, no matter what the U.S. or the U.A.E. has tried so far. There is simply a wide distance between what is needed for effective port security and what is currently in place. In short, the furor over the Dubai World Ports acquisition is misplaced because who owns the terminal would not matter as much if America's ports were better protected.

Sheehan interview

by Eric Kuhn '09
Insights and Ideas Editor

Cindy Sheehan has been called the "Peace Mom" and has traveled around the world to protest America's involvement in the Iraqi war. Due to her busy schedule, I called her cell phone moments before she boarded an airplane. This is the conversation:

Kuhn: Starting off with the war in Iraq, we can't go back in time, so what do you suggest America does now?

Sheehan: I suggest America gets the troops immediately, as soon as and safely as possible.

Kuhn: You have called President Bush the world's "biggest terrorist." Do you believe he is responsible for the death of your son?

Sheehan: Absolutely. They lied and they deceived America and the world into invading a country that is no threat to the United States of America. By his own admission, and we know this very well; 30,000 innocent Iraqis have died and that's ten times worse than our tragedy on September 11 and Iraq had nothing to do with September 11.

Kuhn: Why did your son decide to go join the Army and go to Iraq?

Sheehan: Well he joined his army in May of 2002 to serve his country and give a little bit back and to defend his country, not to be exploited and misused by a Commander-and-Chief who is using his armed forces very irresponsibly.

Kuhn: Did Casey ever share with you his views of the war?

Sheehan: I know he would say, "right on mom!" He died saving his buddies' lives and I know he wants me to do the same.

Kuhn: Over 60,000,000 people voted for Bush in the last election. What do you think his appeal is to the American voter?

Sheehan: I think in the last election there were a lot of facts that weren't out. There were a lot of things that have happened since then. I think right now he wouldn't win. His approval ratings are very low. The only thing he really rates over 40 percent on is how he handles the war on terrorism and everybody is starting to see that that is a big scam now to. As a matter of fact, his war on terrorism is making the United States less safe and less secure.

Kuhn: Earlier this month you met with Venezuela President Hugo Chavez and he said, "We must tell the world: Down with the US empire. Cindy, we are with you in your fight?" Do you hate America, or do you just hate the current administration?

Sheehan: Oh my god, I love America! This is my country. I gave birth to four Americans and I am an American. I am really just challenging our country to live up to its best potential. And Hugo Chavez loves Americans to. He doesn't like the policies of this administration, and I don't either. I don't want to say down with America, I want to say let's get the people out of power who have done this to our country.

Kuhn: You have come under a lot of fire for visiting Chavez. Under his rule, you would certainly not have the right to say anything critical about the President without getting arrested.

Sheehan: Oh my god, that is not true. There is only one station that is pro-Chavez in Venezuela, the rest untimely call for his overthrow. There is freedom of the press and freedom of expression in Venezuela. And you know what, we're not at war with Venezuela; we have diplomatic relations with Venezuela. So I don't know what the problem is with me meeting with him.

Kuhn: So than what did you make of all the critics that criticized you for the visit?

Sheehan: Well, they're misinformed. They say Hugo Chavez is a dictator, is a tyrant. Hugo Chavez has been democratically elected eight times. The last election was after he was overthrown in a cue that was sponsored by the United States of America, he was put back into power and Jimmy Carter certified that election. I don't agree with everything, but we have to cross borders to forge bonds with other people, so we don't resort in killing to resolve problems. We have to always work for peace. Sweety, I have to turn my phone off now, but I am so glad we had the chance to talk.

Kuhn: Cindy Sheehan, pleasure talking with you and have a great flight.

That was Cindy Sheehan, flying over the America she loves.

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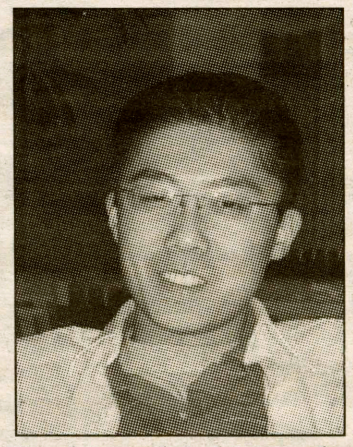

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~David Chen

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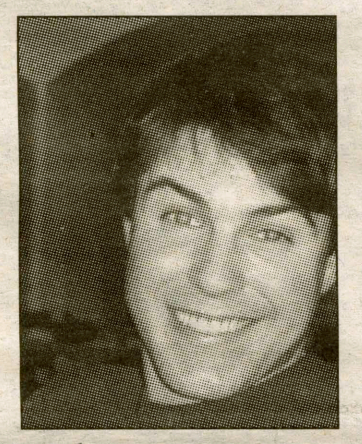
by Michelle Butler '06 & Eric Kuhn '09



"I just keep running... running and running... for miles and miles."
~Matt Sullivan '06

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&
Eric Kuhn '09

"I have my latte, sit in a comfy chair, and try to embrace my work."
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by Tom Booth '06

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8pm	**Anywhere But Here** Mead *World*	**Musical Barbeque** Denton *Blues*	**PEQUE—O** Herrero-Puertas *International*	**Ravinspace** James *Jam*	**Radiola!** Senior *Old Time*	**The Mondo Hour** Helmuth/ Pope	**Jersey Review** Everest	8pm
9pm							**Maddness** Mann/ O'Brien	9pm
10pm	**Hard and the Heavy** Genearelle/ Parker *Metal*	**Cry yourself to sleep** Morgan	**Later That Same DayO** Collins/ Dibble	**Groove Traffic Control** Tice *Jam*	**We Are The Streets!** Rey Rey/ Simon	**Gully Tactics** David	**Tripping With Dolphins** Jages	10pm
11pm		**Pleasure at Bedtime** Cassidy/ Filekova *Electronica*	**Fear of a Root Planet** Root					11pm
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Features

Student Dance Alliance plans workshops

Students work with faculty choreographers for the Spring Dance Concert

by Kaitlin Krumeich '09
FEATURES WRITER

If you are a dancer, you may have already heard about the Student Dance Alliance (SDA). But even if you have two left feet, the Student Dance Alliance still has something to offer.

The Student Dance Alliance was formed by students in the early 1990s to bring together students taking dance classes and those who were simply interested in learning more about dance. The SDA meets once or twice a semester to coordinate which activities to hold on campus and which off-campus events to attend.

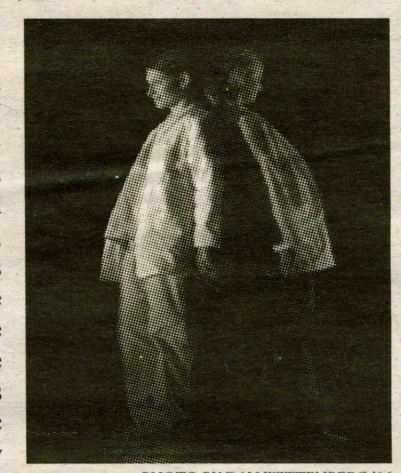
Last semester, the SDA attended a Flamenco dance show in Utica and held a two-hour all-campus ballroom dance workshop led by instructors from the surrounding area.

In past years, the SDA has also held student-run dance workshops focusing on jazz, tap and belly dancing. This semester, SDA's co-presidents, Laura Dick '06 and Valery Danilack '06, plan to have two ballroom dancing workshops on Saturday afternoons, as well as a student-choreographed dance performance.

While not directly associated with the Student Dance Alliance, this weekend's Spring Dance Concert will be an opportunity to see several original dances choreographed by Associate Professors of Dance, Bruce Walczyk and Leslie Norton. Walczyk's piece centers on mysterious creatures, called "The Big Ones," who live in the forest and whose actual existence is questionable. The goal of the dance is to determine how to create more of these creatures.

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '06

When I spoke with Michelle Butler '06, a dancer in this piece, she insisted that the way in which "the Big Ones" end up reproducing remains a secret. She did reveal, however, that the dance is split into three sections. The first and the third sections feature music composed by Richard Lloyd, a Lecturer in Theatre and Dance at Hamilton. The second section features a fast-paced techno song that you may have heard at dance clubs. Butler also told me that Walczyk choreographed this piece with "his usual stylistic flair" and that the moves in the dance were simplified so that students of all levels could participate. The dancers were also allowed to experiment with the moves, a practice Walczyk calls "structured improvisation." Because the dancers only had a couple weeks to learn the piece, this process helped the dancers become familiar with the choreography while also playing a part in the creative process.



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Butler praises both Walczyk's patience and his style of choreography, and says that she and the other dancers are very much looking forward to performing this weekend. Walczyk's dancers have been rehearsing twice a week for several weeks. Their hard work culminates in this weekend's Spring Dance Concert.

Where to Eat: The Dessert Booth

by Sam Gitlitz '08
FEATURES WRITER

Every now and again you walk into a restaurant, and as soon as you enter you know that you will have a great meal. The Dessert Booth, in our village, is one of those restaurants. The plain storefront opens into a small, rural-looking restaurant. Toile adorns the window shades, and tables covered in simple white table cloths are placed throughout. A favorite amongst professors, The Dessert Booth is not unfamiliar to Hamilton's campus. It caters many events with delicious sandwiches and elegant desserts. Open Tuesday-Saturday from 1p.m. to 4p.m., the lunch at The Dessert Booth is not to be missed.

Simple yet elegant describes lunch at The Dessert Booth. They offer a small menu of sandwiches, quiche, soups and salad. Daily specials are offered, and the salad of the day, greens with cranberries, crumbled blue cheese and caramelized walnuts, looked delicious. There are four regular sandwiches on the menu, boasting simple ingredients like roast beef and chicken salad. Unlike many eateries that boast gourmet sandwiches, The Dessert Booth actually delivers the real deal. The chicken in both the chicken salad and the chicken breast is smoked, and the condiments burst with flavor.

I had the smoked chicken with sun-dried tomatoes and spinach, on wheat. A fresh pesto is spread over the bread provides a good balance to the tart tomatoes. The smoked chicken had enough smoke flavor to remind me of its uniqueness without tasting like it came from a barbeque joint. The only problem that I encountered was the size of the sandwich; it was so packed full of chicken, tomatoes, and spinach that something was constantly falling out. Not a problem though, as everything was so good that I was more than willing to eat it off of the plate. The sandwich is not cheap, $ 7.95 for the one I had, but the price is more than fair. For that price you get a huge sandwich, gourmet chips, and a dining experience to boot.

Over the counter in big red letters is written, "Life is short…Eat dessert first." As the store's name would suggest, the specialty of the house is its desserts. After my sandwich I had the chocolate caramel crunch: a tower of chocolate-caramel mousse layered between a delicate cake, studded with toffee bits. The chocolate-caramel mixture was smooth and creamy, yet it carried both tastes of chocolate and caramel. The toffee bits added some texture and a kick of sweetness. Priced at $3.25, it is not something to have every day, certainly cardiologists would agree, but it is well worth the indulgence. Looking around the dessert case, other confections caught my eye, such as the orange chocolate pyramid or any number of the fruit pastries. Both the brownie and the cookie looked fantastic, but why settle when you can get those on campus?

The Dessert Booth is the ideal restaurant for a lazy afternoon. Bring a book and take your time with a sandwich and something sweet. On my visit there were no fewer than five professors who decided to do just that. The atmosphere of the restaurant is so relaxing that even the passing fire truck was unable to distract me. Take a trip down to the village and be sure to stop at The Dessert Booth; it will be well worth your time.

Sudoku puzzle of the week

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER

Hundreds of newspapers around the world have been publishing daily Sudoku puzzles that push people to use logic and reasoning skills. People from all over have found themselves addicted to Sudoku and countless websites are now devoted to the subject.

The Sudoku puzzles that have taken the world by storm started in Japan, as a form of crosswords. *Su* means "number" in Japanese and *doku* means "bachelor" or "single," so loosely translated, Sudoku means "single number."

The rules of the game are easy. One must place the digits 1 through 9 in the cells of the puzzles so that each digit appears only once in each square, row and column.

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From "Super Sudoku, Book 2," by James E. Riley, Ph.D. Published by Good Year Books, 2005.

Professor Profile: Eileen Moeller

by Liz Ursell '09
FEATURES WRITER

Writing fiction and poetry can be a harrowing experience, especially in a classroom setting. In Lecturer of English Eileen Moeller's workshops, however, detailed analysis and criticism foster a comfortable atmosphere for aspiring writers. Moeller is a lecturer for "Creative Writing 215: Introduction to Fiction and Poetry." She also teaches at the Pratt Institute in Utica.

Moeller received her M.A. in Creative Writing from Syracuse University. She has taught courses for the S.U. writing program, including one in advanced editing and creative nonfiction. She grew up in Paterson, New Jersey and moved to central New York 25 years ago. Moeller's transition from an urban to a rural setting initiated a new poetic perspective as a displaced person. While she continues to write poetry about a place that undergoes constant societal transformation, she also finds influential metaphors in the landscapes of New York.

Moeller has an online, self-published collection of poetry titled "Body in Transit." "It is much easier to be self-published on the web," Moeller said, "you already have an audience." Inspired by a year spent abroad in London, the compilation creates a metaphorical identity. Although the poems do not have a literal theme, they all address the passage of life and its interconnected experiences.

Other works include "The Little Bag with the Heart in It," a manuscript about love and family. It was a finalist for a national poetry contest for the Bluestem Award. She also won first prize in the adult category for an annual contest sponsored by the National League of American Pen Women.

These awards are the payoff for infinite patience and past rejections that all writers receive. "There is no such thing as a manager or agent when you're a poet," explained Moeller. Passionate poets are able to put a lot of effort into a profession with little monetary gain. "The Little Bag with the Heart in It," for instance, required multiple revisions as Moeller simultaneously began new manuscripts. "Over time," she said, "the new manuscripts begin to affect the old as you keep going back to the drawing board."

"Storytelling is a rough art. The writer owes the audience space to interpret the story. The reader, however, does not have to think about every word as if in the writing process."

In addition to being a poet, Moeller travels to different universities, workshops and cafes as a storyteller. She has been reading poetry and fiction to others for 18 years, creating a dynamic experience to connect the reader and the audience. "Storytelling is a rough art. The writer owes the audience space to interpret the story. The reader, however, does not have to think about every word as if in the writing process," she said. Storytelling serves a dual purpose; it is both a form of acting and a tool to strengthen a writer's ability to narrate.

Narration and the creation of different worlds are crucial to fiction writing, but Moeller stressed that poetry requires a very different mindset. Poetry does not need narrative or character development; a poem can simply be an image expressed through strong language. "For the purpose of teaching, the two need to be separate," Moeller said. She advised writers who wish to dabble in both genres to pay careful attention to poetic language, which can ease the transition to concise structure and vivid imagery in fiction.

Moeller's poems beautifully reflect her unique perspective as a lecturer, storyteller, mother and wife. A few of my personal favorite poems from Moeller's "Body in Transit" include "It's Coming on Summer," "At Woolworth's Lunch Counter" and "November Poem." A selection of her poems can be found at http://www.skinnycatdesign.co.uk/eileen/poetrylist.htm.

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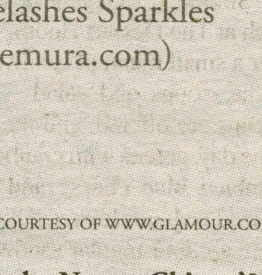

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by Nonny Chizea '08
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Focus on Fitness: winter illnesses

by Michelle Butler '06
FEATURES WRITER

For the past two weeks, I've heard the all too familiar sniffs and coughs that winter inevitably brings. It seems like everyone I talk to has been sick recently, whether it is the flu, bronchitis, a small cold or a 24-hour bug that ails them. I absolutely positively hate getting sick, so the sounds of weakened immunity make me quite uneasy. On Monday morning, I even handed a couple of tissues to the gentleman sitting across from me in the library, in the hopes he would blow his nose and cease sucking the mucous drip back into his nostrils.

I definitely hate the noises because it's rather difficult to concentrate when the multitude of coughs and sneezes barrage my eardrums from every direction. And I definitely hate feeling under the weather; the resulting lassitude and depression are intolerable, and certainly not conducive to my active lifestyle. I simply cannot afford to be ill considering my workload, obligations and habits. The habit I consider most essential to my mental well-being is daily exercise.

Professionals tell us to drink plenty of fluids and get plenty of rest when we are sick. I support the fluids part, because we should always be maintaining proper hydration levels no matter how we feel. But oftentimes, the remaining part includes refraining from exercise, and that drives me absolutely nuts. If I go a day without a chance even to walk briskly for a bit, my legs become jittery, I feel restless and irritated, and I cannot fall asleep, tossing and turning for hours on end.

I decided to conduct minor research, just in case I come down with something these weeks before break, although that is highly unlikely. (As a proud, self-professed germaphobe, I constantly wash my hands, keep antibacterial lotion with me at all times, very rarely share food or drinks with others, etc.). I checked out some of my usual haunts, such as the Yahoo!Health, *Fitness Magazine*, and *Prevention Magazine* websites, and searched under "Common Cold," "Fitness" and "Exercise" categories in hopes that I could find someone who would allow me to be active while sick.

On the *Prevention Magazine* website I found a great column by Selene Yeager on Fitness News. For one issue, a reader had written in asking if they could exercise with a cold. I immediately snapped to attention, and eagerly read on. Selene's answer, to my delight, was that you CAN exercise with a cold. In fact, in a study where sick exercisers were compared with sick non-exercisers, they found that the severity and/or length of the cold symptoms was not affected by moderate exercise. She suggests that exercise could even help you when you are sick because it releases adrenaline, which may act as a natural decongestant.

However, Selene does suggest that you closely monitor your body's reaction to exercise when you are ill, to lower the intensity of your usual workout, and definitely to refrain from busting a move if you have the flu. Apparently, if I do my favorite five-mile speed-interval run on the treadmill, I could actually wear down my immune system and increase my risk for worse illnesses. Oh well. I guess I could stick out a leisurely ride on the elliptical. Regarding those of you with flu symptoms, it's actually much worse for you to exercise even if it's an easy workout. Your immune system is already in overdrive combating fever and the bacteria causing the mucus build-up in your esophagus or lungs, so it would be dangerous to push it harder with intense cardiovascular activity.

Make sure to take care of yourself this next week before break. It would be terrible to be sick while home or on vacation, and not be able to fully enjoy yourself. Get plenty of sleep, resist caffeine and alcohol if you can (I know it's excruciating and difficult, but if I can do it, you can too), stay hydrated, eat nutritional whole foods (especially oranges and apples!), and dress warmly. Ginger tea and chicken soup are nutritional and quick ways to soothe and possibly reduce cold symptoms, and lastly, take it easy but don't forget to remain somewhat active.

Feeling under the weather: When is it okay to excercise?

Here is Selene's quick and easy guide to determining whether you should or shouldn't exercise, based on your symptoms:

Exercise is okay if you have...

- a runny nose

- sniffling and sneezing

- scratchy throat

Skip the workout if you have...

- a fever

- body aches or headache

- vomiting or diarrhea

- chest congestion and a cough

(www.prevention.com)

Weekly Events: Where you want to be!

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Academic Warnings Due	Culinary Class (11:00-2:00)	Newman Mass (1:00-2:00)	Senior Dinner (6:00-7:00)	Newman Mass (12:00-1:00)	Cover Letter Workshop (4:30-5:00)	"Age Discrimination in Faculty Hiring?: Facts, Figures and Hypotheses" (10:00-5:00)
BSU Meeting (5:00-6:00)	2006 Public Speaking Competition: Final Rounds (1:00-5:00)	F.I.L.M. Series: "Darwin's Nightmare" by Hubert Sauper (2:00-3:30)	F.I.L.M. Series: Stan Brakhage, "Re-learning to See" (7:00-8:30)	Faculty Meeting (4:10-6:00)	Senior Dinner (6:00-7:30)	Newman Mass (12:00-1:00)
Spring Dance Concert (8:00-9:00)	Anime Club Meeting (2:00-3:00)	WIAA Meeting (2:00-3:00)	HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00)	Lecture: "Postmodern Histories? French Films on the Occupation" (6:30-8:00)	CAB Meeting (7:00-8:00)	Lecture: "War and Peace in Sudan: History Ethnicity and Hip-Hop" (4:15-6:00)
	Spring Dance Concert (8:00-9:00)	Hamilton College Orchestra: "Brainstorm!" (3:00-4:00)		"Government, Politics & the Value of Public Service: A Coversation with Daniel S. Connolly '85" (7:30-9:00)	Rainbow Alliance Meeting (9:00-10:00)	HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00)
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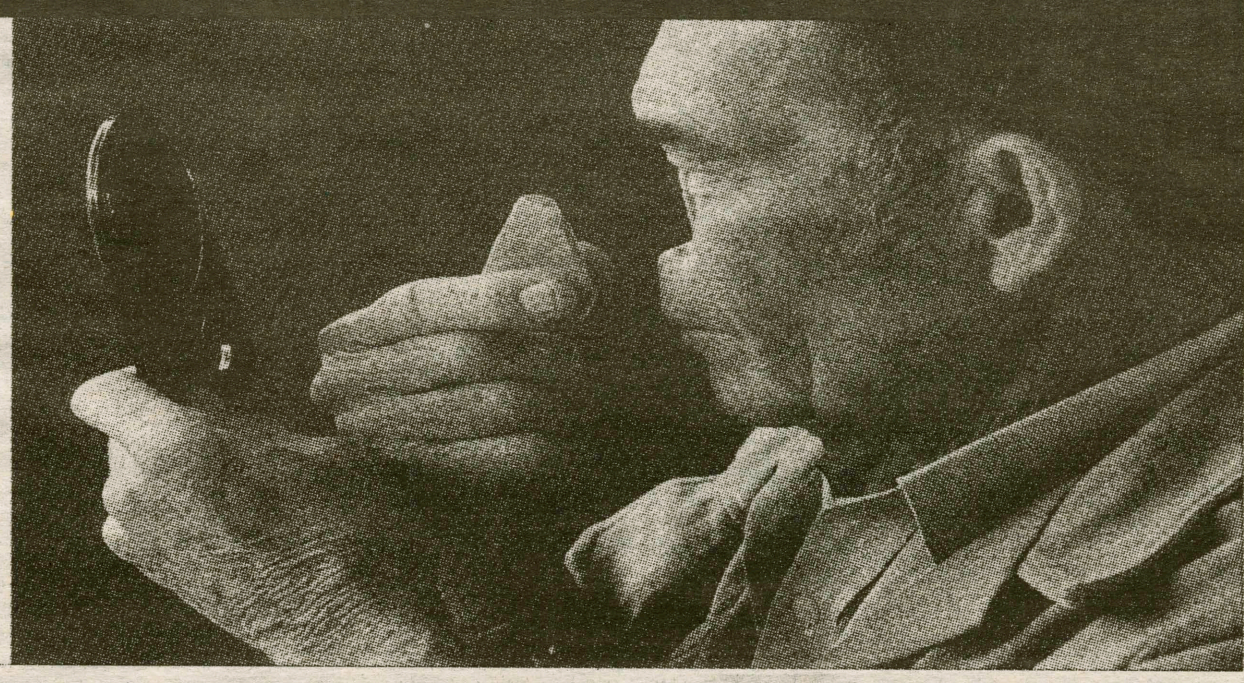

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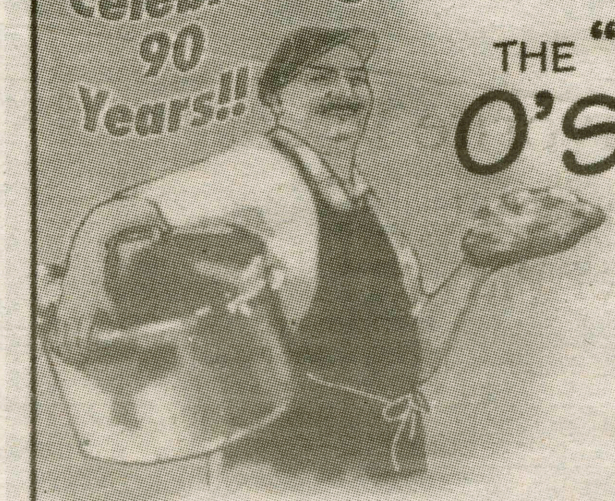

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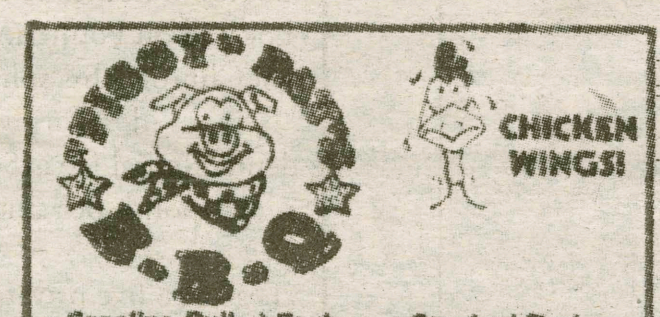

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James Blunt: An ex-military captain gone songwriter

By Nonny Chizea '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Name: James Hillier Blount
Alias: James Blunt
Nickname: "Blunty"
D.O.B: February 22, 1974
Place of Birth: Tidworth, Wiltshire, England
Random Facts: He was on duty for the funeral of the Queen Mother on 9 April 2002. In a TV4 (U.K) interview, he mentioned that he had been shot at more times than 50 Cent and he managed to dodge them, something 50 Cent never did.

An aging rock star once said that what he feared most, in a musical sense, was the songwriting well running dry. That's something that's unlikely ever to worry James Blunt. He has, it can be said without exaggeration, lived a life that should provide enough material for a dozen albums, with sufficient left over for a couple of screenplays. Sure, that's what all the singer-songwriters say. But this is a definitively different singer-songwriter.

Take "No Bravery," the song that closes his debut album, "Back to Bedlam," for instance. It was written in Kosovo in 1999, while James was a reconnaissance officer in the British army. On patrol around Pristina, he kept his guitar bolted to the outside of his tank. But in quieter moments, it came out, as he wrote about life as a 22 year-old peacekeeper in the aftermath of one of the decade's bloodiest civil wars. The rest of his unit ordered him to keep the noise down as he wrote and sang in the post-midnight stillness. He didn't keep the noise down.

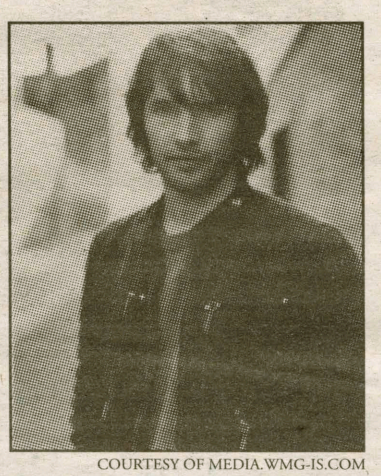
According to Blunt, "'No Bravery' is the only complete song I wrote in Kosovo. I wrote it lying by my tank in my sleeping bag with my boots on. You had to sleep with your boots on. The song is pretty fatalistic. The rest of the album is fatalistic," (http://www.jamesblunt.com).

But his experience in Kosovo is only one aspect of the new artist who is destined to find his way into a lot of record collections. Essentially, James is a find. He's an old soul who is somehow unafflicted by cynicism, a young writer who sounds likes he's been doing this for years and an angelic voice who's had a hell of a ride. Elton John, with whom he shares a manager, thinks "You're Beautiful" is a modern successor to his own "Your Song." This is an astute comparison, because much of "Back to Bedlam" is reminiscent of John's early career best. Meanwhile, Tom Rothrock, who produced the album, sees James as a potential British answer to a couple of other clients, Beck and Elliott Smith. Rothrock had never heard of James until he stumbled across a live track Blunt performed at last year's South by Southwest (U.K.), upon which the producer was so smitten that he instantly agreed to work on "Back to Bedlam."

What is odd is that a military family like Blunt's (his father, a career Colonel, only recently left the army) should spawn a James. As he tells it, his upbringing was the traditional sort that scarcely seems to exist anymore: born in an army hospital in New Hampshire, he was sent to boarding school at seven, excelled at science and math, got a pilot's license at 16, and then, "because my dad was pushing for it," joined the army. He eventually made Captain, and was the first British officer into Pristina, leading a column of 30,000 peacekeeping troops.

Music, though, has always been his mainstay. Actually, this needs to be qualified. James got into music as a result of growing up in a musicless house that didn't possess a CD player. "My dad was really practical, and saw music as just noise. The only CD player was in the car, and we had just three CDs: 'American Pie,' and a couple of Beach Boys ones" (http://www.jamesblunt.com).

When he went away to school he learned piano, then appeared in a school musical and that was it. From then on, he listened and learned as much as he could. A love of Queen and Dire Straits came and quickly went. Picking up a friend's guitar at 14, he played along to Nirvana's "Nevermind," and wrote his first song soon after. In so doing, he made himself unpopular with the school housemaster, who knew that music drifting down the corridor late at night could invariably be traced to Blunt's room. His teen years were a battle between teachers, who were intent on imposing some sort of education, and himself, equally intent on making music his career.



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James Blunt became popular with the release of his hit "You're Beautiful."

Blunt left the army in 2002 to become a full-time musician. Says Blunt, "My dad was nervous, because I was leaving a steady job" [but then] I met Linda Perry [songwriter-producer for, among others, Pink and Christina Aguilera], 'cause my publishers gave her some songs, and then I went to play South by Southwest, and then she gave me a deal with her own label, Custard Records."(http://www.jamesblunt.com).

He went to California in September, 2003, to record his album, and discovered that being a slightly scruffy English boy in Los Angeles could be very pleasant. Staying at the home of an actress, he spent his days recording with Rothrock, and his nights... well... researching Los Angeles's club scene. "With my naïve background, it was like stepping into a devil's cauldron," (http://www.jameblunt.com). He recorded the painfully poignant track "Goodbye, My Lover" in the actress's bathroom, where she kept an old piano.

Blunt's debut single in the U.K., "High," peaked below the Top 100 of the U.K. Singles Chart. However, the song was chosen to appear in a Vodafone commercial in Italy, and as a result became a Top 10 hit. Some people have suggested that the title of his song "High" is in reference to drugs; Blunt, however, claims this to be ridiculous. His second single, "Wisemen," improved upon that position with a number 44 peak.

Blunt's third single "You're Beautiful" was his breakout hit. The song debuted at number 12 in the U.K. and demonstrated a rare trend of upward mobility on the charts, rising all the way to the number one position six weeks after its debut. The song also received massive airplay in the U.K., which was able to propel "Back To Bedlam" to number one on the album chart, unseating Coldplay's record-breaking album "X&Y" from the pole position.

After the success of "You're Beautiful" in the U.K., the song crossed over to mainland Europe, becoming one of the biggest hits of summer 2005 across the continent.

In the United States "You're Beautiful" made its debut in the summer of 2005 on WPLJ, a prominent radio station in New York City, despite not having been released to radio yet. Once the song was released to radio stations in the Fall 2005 the song climbed into the Top 10 in Adult Contemporary, Adult Top 40, and Adult Alternative radio stations. "You're Beautiful" is also a number one hit on the U.S. Hot Digital Songs chart, published by Billboard Magazine.

The videos for all of Blunt's singles feature symbolism and dark imagery. In the first video for "High," he is buried in a desert. In the video for "Wisemen," he is kidnapped and taken hostage. In the video for "You're Beautiful," he alludes to suicide. The re-release video for "High" then features Blunt running from some unknown predator in a forest.

Blunt has made numerous television and radio appearances throughout Europe, North America and Australasia. On December 3, 2005, he was the musical guest on "Saturday Night Live." His music has been featured on television programs throughout the world. He made his acting debut on the ABC Family Channel program "Wildfire," first aired on January 30, 2006. He also appeared on an episode of "Love Monkey."

His current favorite listening is Cat Power and Lou Reed's "Transformer" album, and "Back to Bedlam" has a similarly enigmatic quality. He won't explain what most of the songs are about, though he does admit that the deceptively bubbly "So Long, Jimmy" was inspired by Hendrix and Morrison. As for the rest, he says only, "You can get away with murder in a song." (http://www.wikipedia.com).

Finally, you can listen to Blunt's new single "You're Beautiful" on WHCL 88.7 FM "My Spice" on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.!

Bradboard's rock and roll billboard hits of 1982

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

1. "You've Got Another Thing Coming" - Judas Priest
2. "Eye of the Tiger" - Survivor
3. "No One Like You" - The Scorpions
4. "For Those About to Rock" - AC-DC
5. "Rock the Casbah" - The Clash
6. "Working For the Weekend" - Loverboy
7. "I Love it Loud" - Kiss
8. "House of Fun" - Madness
9. "Open Arms" - Journey
10. "Should I Stay or Should I Go" - The Clash
11. "Caught Up in You" - 38 Special
12. "Heat of the Moment" - Asia
13. "Vacation" - The Go-Go's
14. "I Love Rock N' Roll" - Joan Jett & The Blackhearts
15. "Who Can it Be Now?" - Men at Work
16. "Edge of Seventeen" - Stevie Nicks
17. "Kids in America" - Kim Wilde
18. "Jack and Diane" - John Cougar Mellencamp
19. "Flying High Again" - Ozzy Osbourne
20. "Bad to the Bone" - George Thorogood
21. "Rock This Town" - Stray Cats
22. "Hurts So Good" - John Cougar Mellencamp
23. "Stone Cold" - Rainbow
24. "There's Only One Way to Rock" - Sammy Hagar
25. "Closer to the Heart" - Rush
26. "Tainted Love" - Soft Cell
27. "Shadows of the Night" - Pat Benatar
28. "867-5309/Jenny" - Tommy Tutone
29. "I Ran" - Flock of Seagulls
30. "Rosana" - Toto
31. "Space Age Love Song" - A Flock of Seagulls
32. "Someday, Someway" - Marshall Crenshaw
33. "Gloria" - Laura Branigan
34. "(Oh) Pretty Woman" - Van Halen
35. "Don't You Want Me" - Human League
36. "The Look of Love" - ABC
37. "Black Coffee in Bed" - Squeeze
38. "Don't Talk to Strangers" - Rick Springfield
39. "My Kinda Lover" - Billy Squier
40. "The Message" - Grandmaster Flash & The Furious Five
41. "Over the Mountain" - Ozzy Osbourne
42. "New World Man" - Rush
43. "Always on My Mind" - Willie Nelson
44. "Through the Years" - Kenny Rogers
45. "Spirits in the Material World" - The Police
46. "We Got the Beat" - The Go-Go's
47. "Centerfold" - J. Geils band
48. "Heartlight" - Neil Diamond
49. "Shake It Up" - The Cars
50. "Crimson and Clover" - Joan Jett & The Blackhearts
51. "Hard to Say I'm Sorry" - Chicago
52. "Steppin' Out" - Joe Jackson
53. "American Heartbeat" - Survivor
54. "On the Wings of Love" - Jeffrey Osborne
55. "Talk Talk" - Talk Talk
56. "Up Where We Belong" - Joe Cocker & Jennifer Warnes
57. "Goody Two Shoes" - Adam Ant
58. "Hot in the City" - Billy Idol
59. "I Know What Boys Like" - The Waitresses
60. "Freeze-Frame" - The J. Geils Band
61. "Juke Box Hero" - Foreigner
62. "Love Plus One" - Haircut One Hundred
63. "Words" - Missing Persons
64. "Money" - Pink Floyd
65. "She's Got a Way" - Billy Joel
66. "You Dropped a Bomb on Me" - The Gap Band
67. "Only the Lonely" - The Motels

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Writer in Residence Hannah Tinti reads at Hamilton

By Andrew Ehrig '06
Arts & Entertainment Writer

"It's a little grim at times, maybe a little violent, but I want you to know it's okay to laugh." This was writer and editor Hannah Tinti's advice to her audience before reading from her collection of short stories titled "Animal Crackers." Tinti, Hamilton College's 2006 writer in residence, read her story "Miss Waldon's Red Colobus" to a receptive audience of faculty and students in the Events Barn last Wednesday night.

The Writer in Residence program invites authors and poets to stay on campus for a period of time to lecture, work with students and read from their own work. Tinti, this year's writer in residence, is a short story writer, novelist and editor of *One Story Magazine*. The magazine publishes one story every three weeks. In addition to editing, Tinti's stories have been published in "Best American Short Stories," "Story Quarterly" and "Epoch."

"Miss Waldron's Red Colobus," the story Tinti read Wednesday night, is the fictionalization of a real woman who, as Tinti put it, was the "traveling companion" of a hunter who discovered a new species of monkey in Ghana in the 1930's that has recently become extinct.

"I read this article in the *New York Times* about a monkey that had just been declared extinct. I became really interested why is this monkey named Miss Waldron's Red Colobus? And I started thinking who is this woman wandering around Africa with this man she's not married to and this monkey's named after her? She must be pretty incredible," said Tinti. "I'm always afraid that one day I'm going to read it and someone's going to say 'That's my great grandmother, how dare you say that!"

The story itself follows Miss Waldron as her father ships her to Catholic school at the age of twelve and she, in what might be an involuntary homage to "The Great Escape," repeatedly attempts to escape. These escape attempts involve everything from co-opting sailors and crop-dusters, and running off with the circus, to hiding in the primate house of the zoo. It's clear that describing Miss Waldron's early life is exactly the sort of situation that caused the phrase "hair-brained scheme" to be invented.

Miss Waldron eventually meets Willoughby Lowe, who Tinti describes as "the Great White Hunter." Lowe springs Miss Waldron from her London finishing school and takes her with him on his primate expedition to Ghana.

Besides Miss Waldron's journey to Ghana and the naming of the Colobus, the most interesting part of the story is the private detectives Miss Waldron's father hires to keep tabs on her. Their only contributions to the plot are to bring Miss Waldron back after each of her escape attempts from the nuns, and the finishing school she's shipped off to after that. Initially they are the representatives of Miss Waldron's confinement and the comedic "straight men" to her escapades who, for instance, "had seen tornados, and men killed with pitchforks, but they had never seen a little girl hit a nun."

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Tinti read stories from her collection "Animal Crackers."

Their role becomes deeper as their silent pursuit and observation of Miss Waldron becomes an emotional attachment. At one point in the story "they secretly hoped that sometimes she was doing what she was doing to give them something interesting to watch." In this way they assume the same position relative to Miss Waldron (the subject of the story) as the reader (or perhaps the author).

In the question and answer period after the reading, the author was asked what sort of criticism she had received. She replied that she had been chastised for some elements of her stories saying "Some people just don't go for anything that's a little magic realism." When asked whether she was finished writing about animals after completing "Animal Crackers," the collection "Miss Waldron's Red Colobus" appears in, she replied "I think they'll always be a part of my work because animals bring out a lot sympathy in people. I grew up with animals and love animals despite what the book does to them sometimes."

When asked as an editor what sort of stories she saw the most, her answer was stories about rape and about grandparents dying. "God, I get so many rape stories, those stories are so overdone… It's okay if you're going to do a grandparent dying story, but… sell me." She later said "This is one that really drives me up a wall, stories that start with someone waking up." She added that she receives twenty or thirty stories a week that begin this way.

In response to a question asking what she didn't see enough of in submissions she replied she didn't see enough writers taking chances. "I see a lot of writers who were hedging towards something and then hold themselves back. If I see someone who isn't technically as strong as another writer, but their idea is larger I'm more likely to go with that writer and work with them technically, than with someone who might be technically flawless, but the story they're trying to tell is kind of dull," Tinti said.

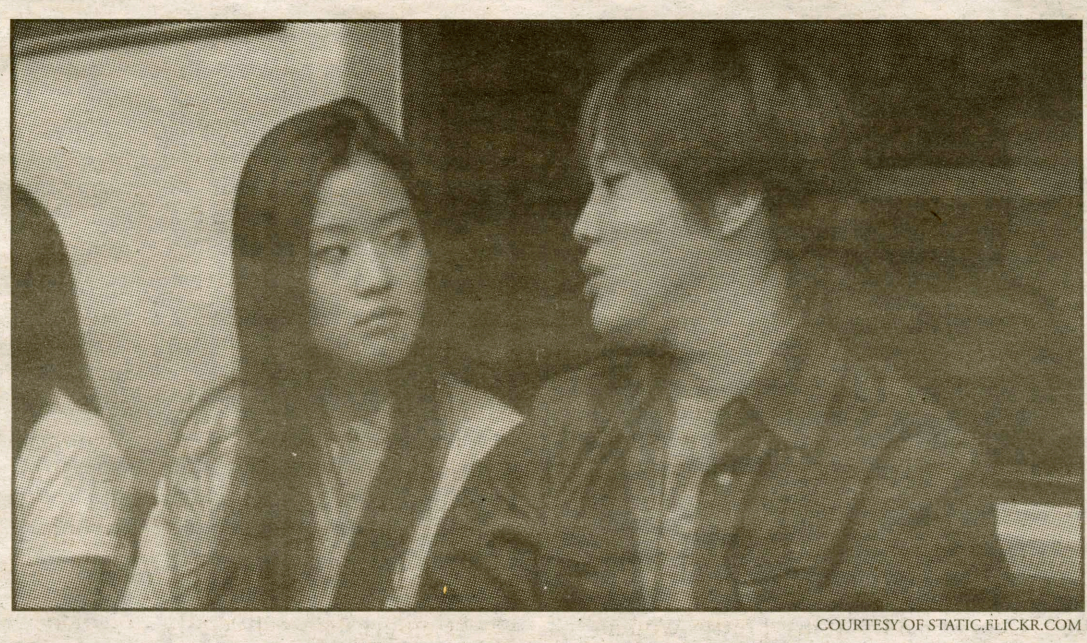
Before wrapping up the fiction reading and directing students to postcards and rub on tattoos featuring "Animal Crackers," Tinti was asked what her favorite book was (Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre") and what she was currently reading (Cervantes's "Don Quixote"). About "Jane Eyre" she said "I reread it at least once a year, sometimes twice. It's definitely my comfort food, I always go back to it and find something else… I mean the book starts off and it's five pages in and the girl gets smashed on the head with a book and then locked in a room with a ghost."

Movie Review: Romantic Comedy "Sassy"

By Noah Wright '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

This romantic comedy is the highest domestic-grossing Korean film ever made, proving, along with "Titanic" and the entire Indian film industry, that romantic crap really sells. Only, wait a sec... this movie, defying all my expectations, wasn't crap. It was actually quite enjoyable.

A more accurate title for this film would probably be "My Half-crazed Loon of a Girlfriend with whom I Have a Sadomasochistic Relationship," but I guess they had to settle for "Sassy" to conserve space.



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Korean romantic comedy "Sassy" is unconventional and funny.

The protagonist, Kyun-Woo, is a huge dweeb going to grad school who still lives with his parents. On the subway home one day he runs into this girl. She's very, very drunk, (we're talking Bundy Dining Hall at 2 a.m. drunk) and because it seems she's alone, he takes it upon himself to find her a place to stay that night. By the time he reaches a hotel he can drop her off at, she's passed out, so he carries her in on his back. This turns out to be a very bad idea: imagine you're a hotel owner and you see a young man carrying an unconscious young woman on his back who wants a room right away. The police are called and shenanigans ensue.

When they meet up again, both sober this time, they begin their series of misadventures with one another, the girl being best described as a "she-demon" and Kyun-Woo being best described as a "simpering buffoon." Yet no matter how sadistically she treats him, he takes it all in, relishing it like a leather-clad gimp. Damn if that ain't funny.

Given the unconventional nature of this romantic comedy, I hoped futilely that it wouldn't follow the ultra-cliché couple-gets-together, couple-breaks-up, couple-gets-together-again-and-lives-happily-ever-after plot line that every stupid film of the genre follows to a tee, but it does. The choice of this particular plot arc was both stupid and unnecessary. In these kinds of relationships, where one member only gives and the other member only takes, while flowing with rich comedic potential, never last.

Despite this exasperating and tired choice of ending, I highly recommend the movie. If you don't like watching chick flicks then see it with your girlfriend and pretend she made you watch it.

If you don't have a girlfriend, see it anyway, and if you are a girl, see it right now. C'mon, it couldn't be any worse than that movie with Reese Witherspoon and the "Napoleon Dynamite" guy. Y'know, the one where she's a ghost and, wait, you actually saw that? And you liked it?! Well then, I'm sorry. May God have mercy on your soul.

The following are corrections to the article "Hamilton Choir performs 'Drood.'"

David Moroney '09, played Neville.

Peter Kopp '07 played Reverend Crisparkle.

Tom Morris is '07.

Heather Montana '07 played Bazzard.

Ann Horwitz '06 played Princess Puffer.

Philip Hoying '09 did not appear in the production due to illness. His part was played by Albert Trithart '08.

Science & Technology

Lost Indonesian civilization discovered buried under volcanic debris from Mount Tambora

by Anne Schlesinger '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Researchers from the University of North Carolina and the Indonesian Directorate of Volcanology recently released their discovery of a lost Indonesian civilization, buried under 10 feet of volcanic debris, reported John Noble Wilford of the *New York Times*.

On April 10, 1815, Mount Tambora, a stratovolcano on the island of Sumbawa in Indonesia, erupted violently; it spewed 400 million tons of ash, rock and mineral fragments, and sulfurous gases, burying 10,000 people under the debris. Eventually, 117,000 people died from starvation and disease, Danish scholar Bernice de Jong Boers told *USA Today*.

The blast was at least four times as powerful as the famous Krakatoa eruption of 1883, so powerful that it reduced the mountain's height from 14,000 feet to 9,200 feet, according to CNN.com.

Although the volcano has erupted twice since 1815, these eruptions were "mere burps" in comparison to the 1815 event, writes Wilford.

The amount of debris injected into the atmosphere caused global cooling, provoking what historians now call "The Year Without a Summer." In New England, reported an Associated Press (AP) article published on CNN.com, farms suffered from crop-killing frosts in June, July and August. In Germany and France, corn and grape crops died and harvests were severely delayed.

Stratovolcanos are built by both lava flows and pyroclastic flows. During a pyroclastic flow, such as the one that buried the Tambora civilization, hot ash, rock fragments and gas are erupted. Both the gas and the particles are denser than the surrounding air, causing them to sink and flow down the sides of the volcano, although the power of the explosion also forces particles and gas into the upper atmosphere.

Researchers were initially led to the area of their discovery when a local guide described a gully in which locals had found ceramics and bones, reported the the *New York Times*. Using radar to obtain below-surface images, they discovered an entire village and a central palace, reported *USA Today*. In their preliminary excavations, scientists unearthed a charred thatched house and the carbonized skeletons of two of its residents. According to Wilford, the framework of the house is about 20 to 33 feet, and while everything was charred, the original shape of the structure has been preserved. The excavation also yielded pottery and bronze pieces, bones, teeth, knives, and carbonized rice, reported the the *New York Times*. According to University of Rhode Island volcanologist Haraldur Sigurdsson, the village's location, three miles away from the shore, is typical of the island; inland settlements provided protection from seagoing pirates.

What particularly intrigues archaeologists is the unearthing of a culture whose language has long been dead. "The explosion wiped out the language. That's how big it was," Dr. Sigurdsson told the AP. "But we're trying to get these people to speak again, by digging."

When the British and the Dutch first encountered the Tambora people, they were surprised to hear a language unlike any language they had heard previously in Indonesia, Dr. Sigurdsson informed the AP. The excavation of pottery resembling that found in Indochina led researchers to believe that the Tambora people were of Indochinese descent.

John Micksic, an archaeologist of the National University of Singapore, doubts that the Tambora are Indochinese in descent and argues that they most likely received the pottery through trade with intermediaries, reported CNN.com.

Researchers will return next year, extending the radar survey and continuing the search for archaeological evidence of the Tambora people.

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Pottery found in the Indonesian village Tambora, which was buried under 10 feet of volcanis debris after the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora. The excavation also yielded bronze pieces, bones, teeth and knives.

Interview with evolution expert Dr. Ken Miller

by Laura Trubiano '07
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Dr. Ken Miller spoke at Hamilton on February 28. For full cverage of his seminar, "Finding Darwin's God," see page 1.

Why has resistance to evolution risen to the surface now?
"This not a new movement by any means. It is a combination of the ascendancy of a conservative movement and [the anti-evolutionists] finding a new way to phrase their argument."

Do most Americans really understand evolution? Does a general misunderstanding contribute to anti-evolution movements?
"The biggest single thing people don't understand is the overwhelming interlocking nature of [evolution and religion]—the evidence does not hang on one or two fossils."

You noted in your book that many of your students could not understand how you could believe in evolution and God. Is this common with college students, and why do you think this is?
"All good education, especially science, promotes skepticism. Religion also falls prey to organized skepticism on college campuses. The culture on most campuses is profoundly secular and serious belief is not always taken seriously."

Are there noted regional differences in percentages of the population that do or do not support evolution?
"[According to a 2005 poll], opposition is strongest in the south and west. The northeast is generally in support of evolution. However, there is significant opposition to evolution everywhere in the United States and [statistics] depend on how you phrase the question."

Is fear a factor in people's opposition to evolution?
"There is significant fear that evolution brings a message that undermines self-worth, as moral creatures. This sense of dread is very deep. Lynn Cheney, the wife of the vice president, even made a statement saying, 'If you teach kids they are animals, they will act like animals.'"

How does a rejection of evolution affect society?
"The real risk of this battle is that it runs the risk of alienating a whole group of American students against science. We need more students in science, not fewer."

Is there a way public education can help kids reconcile their religious beliefs and science education, without exposing them to debates such as the Dover, PA intelligent design trial?
"The single most important thing is to teach evolution properly. If you teach evolution for what it is, it really does not present a threat to religion."

Bird flu makes cross-over to cat in Germany

by Matt Crowson '09
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Last weekend, numerous news sources reported that German Health authorities found a dead domesticated cat that had contracted the H5N1 bird flu virus. The cat was found on an island on the Baltic coast where one hundred dead seabirds had been collected since February, with numerous birds testing positive for the virus.

The World Health Organization (WHO) released a statement Sunday stating that thus far there has been no credible evidence that would suggest cats play any role in spreading the virus and that there has been no cat-to-human transmission to date. However, the report then went on to state that once a cat was infected, it had the ability to pass on the virus to other cats. The cats reportedly contracted the virus after eating infected poultry product.

In recent years, the bird flu has made the jump to humans three times resulting in a 35 percent mortality rate consisting of twenty cases with seven deaths. For an infectious disease, this is a relatively high mortality rate and this has made governments and leading health authorities around the world accelerate their efforts to understand and eradicate the virus. The major concern is that this flu will distribute throughout the world and start a pandemic once the virus mutates into a form that can be easily passed from bird to human.

The H5N1 bird flu, or avian influenza, can affect all species of birds, especially migratory birds, and can be found throughout the world. The bird flu is typically found in two forms where the common form usually does not cause any harm to the animal and the other form, characterized as rare and lethal, is what is responsible for almost all of the bird deaths reported in the news. What makes the avian influenza so startling is that the lethal form is so precarious that it often has a mortality rate of 100 percent in birds within 48 hours of the on-set of the first symptoms. The bird is left defenseless as the virus launches an attack on the respiratory system and other major organs, resulting in extreme internal bleeding and death.

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Bird flu found in cat in Germany

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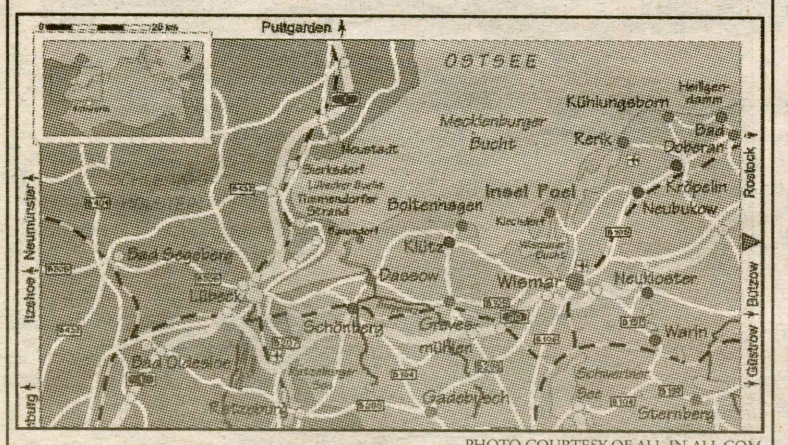

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The domestic cat that died of bird flu was found in an island off the Baltic Coast of Gernamy.

Live birds predominantly spread the bird flu during teritorial movement or seasonal migration. The virus can also be spread through contaminated farming equipment, bird feed, bird feces, and the use of infected birds as a medium in feed for various other animals.

Measures are being taken by the WHO, and by government agencies throughout the world to try and contain the virus. The measures range from the extreme to the subtle. For instance, some Southeast Asian countries have resorted to "culling", mass killing, of birds in areas where an infection has been reported. Although effective at containing outbreaks, culling can have a large consequence on the local economy where the animal is a major source of income. Other countries have resorted to vaccinating birds in "high-risk" areas as a less invasive measure to contain the virus.

Further information on the avian flu virus and the current efforts to monitor the virus can be found on the World Health Organization website, www.who.int.

For Philadelphia residents, recycling pays (literally)

by Jessica Wolinsky '06
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What motivates people to recycle? Why do some people recycle more consistently than others? Are we plagued by feelings of guilt when we place the draft of that philosophy paper in the trash rather than the "paper" bin right next to it? Do we feel driven by a moral obligation to the environment that compels us to put the soda bottle in the "container" bin rather than the trash?

According to statistics provided by the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans generated a staggering 236 million tons of solid waste in 2003, which translates to approximately 4.5 pounds of trash produced per person, per day. Recycling efforts, however, helped divert 72 million tons of this waste from entering the landfills that year. While rates of recycling have increased dramatically since 1980, when Americans recycled only 15 million tons of that year's waste, there is still significant room for improvement.

Philadelphia resident and former Wall Street lawyer Patrick Fitzgerald, and his friend Ron Gonen, decided to respond to this call for increased recycling efforts in the United States by developing a program called RecycleBank in 2001. Rather than relying on people's variable feelings of guilt or moral obligation to the environment as motivation to recycle, RecyBank offers monetary rewards for recycling.

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This program, currently running in Philadelphia, operates on a credit system, and each household can accumulate up to 25 credits per month based on the amount they recycle. The recycling bins used in this process have specific bar codes that the sanitation crews scan and record, and the amount of credits awarded depends on the weight of the recycled goods. These credits can then be redeemed as coupons at participating business including Starbucks; The Home Depot; Bed, Bath, and Beyond; and a growing number of local Philadelphia companies.

The economic benefits associated with RecycleBank include reduced landfill fees for the sponsoring city, increased revenue for the recycling companies as they have more materials to process, and advertising/marketing opportunities for the participating companies where people can redeem their credits. So far the program has experienced great successes in the Philadelphia suburbs where it has been implemented. According to the *Delaware Online* news journal, RecycleBank has helped these suburbs, specifically Chestnut Hill and West Oak Lane, reach a level of recycling 50 percent of their overall waste production. While currently focusing on small-scale ventures throughout Philadelphia, Fitzgerald and Gonen hope to eventually expand their program to cities across the United States.

Miller lectures on evolution/religion conflict

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"They don't need to be reconciled," said Miller, who argues that when evolution is understood correctly, it does not conflict with religious beliefs.

In 1999, a Kansas school board voted to take evolution completely out of the science curriculum. In 2004, an anti-science majority on the school board in Kansas redefined all of science in such a way that implied that not all science could be explained by natural processes. "In other words," said Miller, "Science now has room for the supernatural."

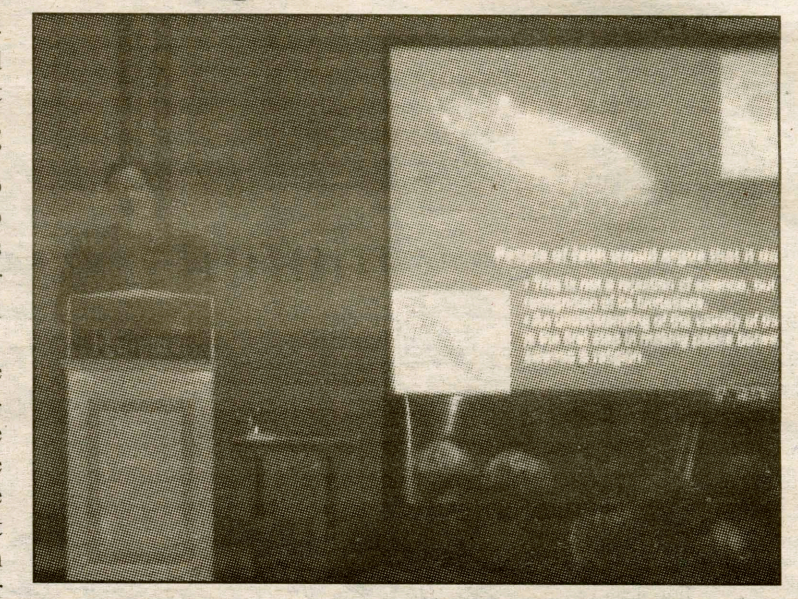
In Dover, PA, the school board instructed high school biology teachers to teach intelligent design. Intelligent design is an anti-evolution concept that claims some features of nature and living things are too complex to have happened by processes such as natural selection and therefore must have been put into place as by a higher being, "intelligent designer." The teachers in Dover refused to comply with this decision, so the board settled on the superintendent reading a statement about intelligent design to the biology classes and directing them to various sources for more information. Eleven parents sued the school board in response to this decision. Dr. Miller spent two days on the witness sand in the case, and the outcome "was a stinging rebuke for advocates of intelligent design," he said.

Dr. Miller then discussed some ways to respond to anti-evolution arguments. One argument anti-evolutionists often make is that fossil records do not support evolution because intermediate forms are missing. "If you show this to a paleontologist, their jaw drops," said Miller. The truth is, there are so many intermediate forms it is hard to see where one ends and another begins. Anti-evolutionists will also claim that evolution can not be true because we can not go back and time and prove that it happened; however, as Miller pointed out, evolution's predictions are testable, through fossil study and other means, such as comparing genomes.

Another way Dr. Miller argues for evolution is to fight the presumption that evolution is anti-religious. "Many people think if evolution is right, then creation is wrong, and vice versa," said Miller. Proponents of intelligent design have shifted the argument to be about the existence or non-existence of God, rather than creation versus evolution. Many people on the evolution side argue that science alone can lead us to truth regarding the purpose of existence, which would be, there is not one. However, Miller believes the first step to making peace between science and religion is to understand that "science tells us a great deal, but it doesn't tell us everything." According to Miller, a way to reconcile these differences is to accept that "evolution defines a relationship between creator and created based on a moral independence and free will."

Miller also discussed the history of a compatibility of science and religion. St. Augustine wrote in 411 A.D. that people should not use the Bible to make observations about science, as it would bring embarrassment on religion. Furthermore, Gregor Mendel, the father of genetics, was an Augustinian monk who did his famous experiments with pea plants in the monastery gardens. "What do you get from an Augustinian monk doing empirical science? Damn good science," said Miller.

Miller posed the question, what can we learn from the Dover trial? "The trial documented the complete collapse of I.D. as a scientific theory," he said. Miller cited some of the evidence used against intelligent design in the trial, including the very recently chimp genome, which, when compared to the human genome, showed which two of the 48 chimp chromosomes had fused to form one human chromosome (chromosome 2).



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"This shows we shared a common ancestor," said Miller. "If we were made by an intelligent designer, the designer wanted to fool us and make us think we shared a common ancestor." The trial also exposed intelligent design as a religious doctrine, by showing that in earlier versions of the I.D. textbook the Dover school board recommended the word "creator" was used instead of "designer," and the rest of the book was the same.

"Why is this a big deal?" asked Miller. The answer, according to Miller, is the future of science in America. We are raising a generation of people who are going to be suspicious of science, and that has huge implications for scientific fields. Other countries will be moving ahead in science, leaving the United States behind. "What is at stake is, literally, everything," said Miller.

"As for what evolution really means, I can't think of anyone who summed it up better than Charles Darwin," said Miller. Miller closed with a quote from Darwin's "Origin of Species": "There is grandeur in this view of life; with its several powers having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one; and that, whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most wonderful and most beautiful have been, and are being evolved."

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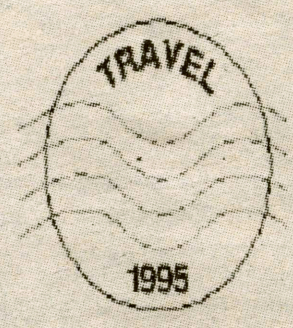

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Men's hockey dominates #2 Williams in tournament

Team will travel to Middlebury; winner plays for NESCAC crown

by TJ Reynolds
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton was 6-2-1 heading into Saturday's game against Williams. More importantly, the Continentals are 1-0-1 against Williams in the past week and have moved on to the NESCAC semi-finals for the fifth time in the past seven years. In their first ever meeting in the NESCAC Championships, the seven seed Conts upset the two seed Williams 9-5.

Hamilton (8-9-2 NESCAC, 11-11-3 overall) was previously winless in the month of February and Williams (13-3-3, 14-7-3) had won its past nine games going into Saturday's match-up.

Brandon Jackmuff was able to convert on a power play for Williams at the 4:49 mark in the first period to give the Ephs an early lead. The goal was the only one of the first period, but the second period would prove to be quite the opposite. Casey Deak '07 tied the game at 1-1 just 36 seconds into the period on an assist from Chris Clarkson '07. Less than a minute later Gus Katsuras '06 scored his first of the game on an assist from Erik Kallio '06 giving the Continentals a 2-1 lead. In the next eight minutes they were able to take advantage of two power play opportunities as Katsuras scored again and Matt Sherban '08 added his fifth goal of the season.

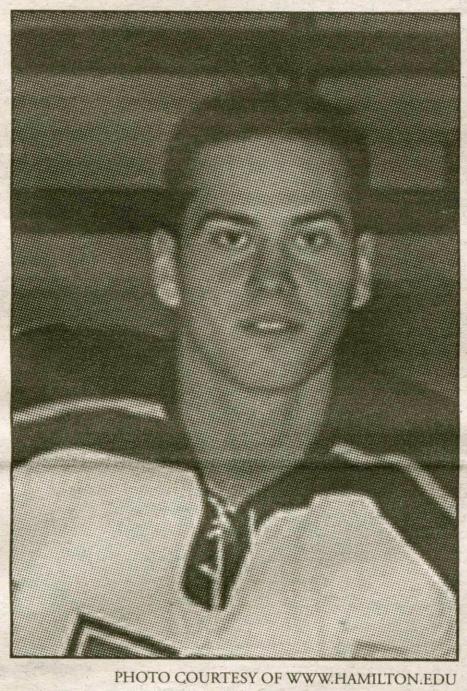
With a little over half the period gone, Hamilton found themselves shorthanded, yet Katsuras still found a way to put another puck between the pipes. This gave him a hat trick and extended Hamilton's lead to 5-1. With 2:45 remaining in the period, Mike Hayes '06 put in what would eventually be the game winning goal on assists from Deak and Clarkson.

Williams finally answered Hamilton's onslaught and snuck one in with just five seconds left in the period. Williams scored first in the final period but was quickly answered when Pat McGarry '07 put in his first of the season extending Hamilton's lead to 7-3. At the 17:10 mark, Jackmuff was once again able to score on a power play goal for Williams cutting the deficit to 7-4.

After another Hamilton penalty, Williams pulled their goalie giving them a six to four advantage on which they capitalized. Only 17 seconds after Williams' goal, Kallio scored on an empty net and only 13 seconds after Kallio scored yet again on another empty net to give the team their 9-5 victory. Hamilton only allowed three goals on the eleven Williams power play opportunities. Gabe Tash '06 had a remarkable 48 saves, 21 of which came in the final period, extending his record to 8-7-2. After his three goal and one assist performance against Williams, Katsuras was named NESCAC Player of the Week.

Hamilton will travel to Middlebury, Vermont to take on the Panthers today at 4:00 p.m. Middlebury beat Wesleyan 8-0 this weekend to advance to the semi-finals. The Panthers (16-2-1, 21-2-2) are the top seed in the NESCAC and ranked second in the nation.

Athlete & NESCAC Player of the Week: Gus Katsuras '06



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Full name:
Gus Katsuras (no middle name)

High school/Hometown:
Monarch Park Collegiate/ Toronto

Birthday:
December 9

Concentration:
Economics

Location on Campus:
South

Relationship Status:
Dating Kelly

Sport & Position:
Hockey/Center

Greatest High School Sports Memory/Achievement:
I played junior hockey in high school. Winning the championship my last year was my best memory.

Greatest College Sports Memory/Achievement:
Beating Middlebury last year and being named First Team All-American.

Describe yourself in three words: Honest, loyal & funny.

Favorite Professor:
Professors Bradfield and Kelly.

Favorite Celebrity:
I'd have to say Brad Pitt is definitely the man!

Favorite Movie(s):
"Braveheart"

Favorite Book(s):
I don't read.

Favorite Food:
Mousaka (it's Greek).

Favorite Music:
R&B and Hip-Hop .

Favorite TV Show:
It was "FRIENDS," now I guess "24."

On campus job:
Rink monitor and skate sharpener.

Fondest Hamilton Memory:
I'm hoping for it to be this weekend in the Final Four.

Best Party You've Attended at Hamilton:
I can't remember! It was a Bundy party freshman year though.

Last Movie You Saw in Theaters:
"Brokeback Mountain"

Elliptical or Treadmill?
Definitely treadmill.

If you didn't play hockey, what would you do on campus?
Double-dating with Cerra.

Anything else the campus should know about you?
I was once in an underwear catalogue back in the day!

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#15 UNC @ #1 Duke, 3/4	Duke	Duke	UNC	Duke	Duke
Indiana @ Michigan, 3/4	Michigan	Indiana	Michigan	Indiana	Indiana
NBA					
Indiana @ Philadelphia, 3/5	Philly	Indiana	Philly	Philly	Indiana
Phoenix @ Dallas, 3/5	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Phoenix
Memphis @ LA Clippers, 3/5	Clips	Memphis	Memphis	Clips	Clips
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Men's NCAA Hockey					
Ottawa @ Toronto, 3/5	Ottawa	Ottawa	Toronto	Toronto	Ottawa
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Poor attitudes overshadow Olympic perfomances

by Jack Prior '08
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

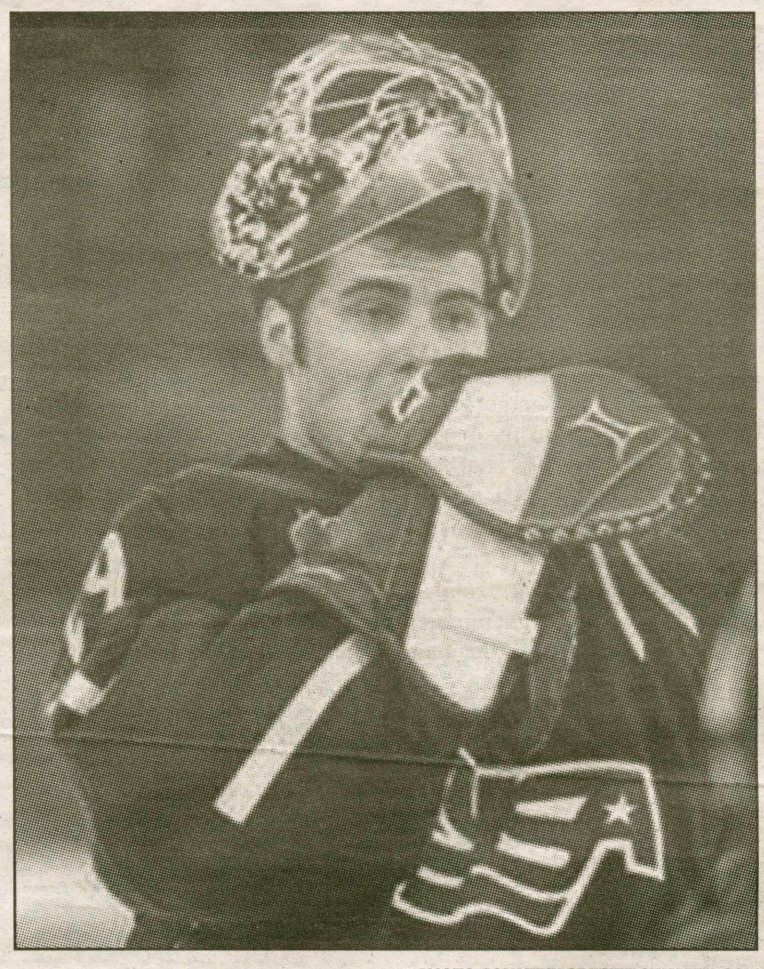
The 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy was host to over 2,500 athletes; 650 referees and judges; 2,500 coaches and team officials; 2,300 members from the International Olympic Committee; 10,000 members of the media and 6,000 guests of Olympic sponsors. Yet, the media has narrowed down the seventeen days of international competition to a handful of disappointing events and individuals. From poor television ratings to performance failures during competitions to even more abysmal behaviors outside the athletic events, the proceedings in Torino, Italy were an Olympic failure.

As shocking as it may sound, let's start off with actually discussing Olympic performances rather than the dramatics surrounding the winter games. Without a doubt the most disappointing performances for North America occurred on the ice rink. The United States Men's Hockey Team lost to Finland by the score of 4-3 in the quarterfinals. Team USA's only victory occurred in round play against Kazakhstan: not exactly a claim to fame.

While it was disheartening to see an American team perform poorly, one must note that the United States has only placed once since the infamous "Do You Believe in Miracles?" game against the Soviet Union in 1980. This feat occurred in the 2002 Olympics in which USA received a silver medal after losing to Canada in the championship match. Team Canada, a squad that prior to this Olympics had finished fourth or better since 1992, also performed poorly in Italy. While Canada is always a favorite, they managed to also lose in the quarterfinals. Canada was eliminated by a score of 2-0 at the hands of a Russian squad that would later be manhandled by the Czech Republic in the battle for the bronze medal. The Men's Canadian squad hatched enough goose eggs to feed its whole country, as they were shutout in three games, including 11 of their last 12 periods of play. However, it was not only those with pads and sticks who performed poorly on ice.

America's only hope of bringing home gold in the women's figure skating competition rested on the small shoulders of teenager Sasha Cohen. While Cohen led throughout the different stages of competition, she managed to fall not once, but twice during her final scored skating performance. When the scores were tallied, Cohen was left standing on the Olympic podium, yet slightly below Japan's gold-medal winner Shizuka Arakawa. The difference of eight scoring points (191.34 to 183.36) and two major skating malfunctions, left Sasha Cohen and her supporters celebrating a silver medal, but also wondering what could have been. While it was disappointing to have North America's beloved hockey teams figuratively stumble in the quarterfinals and for United States' golden skater Sasha Cohen to literally stumble…twice, there were events outside the realm of competition that were far more discouraging.

From scandals to physical and verbal battles, the 2006 Olympics sadly had it all. First of all, before the Olympics had even begun the coach for the Canadian Men's Hockey Team, Wayne Gretzky, was in the midst of a gambling scandal. Gretzky's wife was linked to an illegal sports gambling ring that involved her waging bets as high as one million dollars. Even though officials have stated that "The Great One" will no longer be included in any further investigation, many worried that this distraction would take away from Canada's performance.



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Speaking of distraction, can you say Bode Miller? Let's review Bode's last few weeks. First, Miller admits to and advocates skiing while drunk, and then he accused everybody's hero Lance Armstrong of living strong as a result of intense steroid use. Amazingly, these embarrassments all occurred before Bode Miller had even set food on Italian soil. Once in Italy, Mr. Miller continued his respectable behavior by going 0 for 5 in Olympic competition, then being photographed giving the one finger salute after engaging in sexual conduct with *Playboy* pin up Tina Jordan. Classy Bode, very classy. When asked about his time in Torino, Miller simply stated, "It has been an awesome two weeks. I got to party and socialize at an Olympic level." Now, if Miller was a college student on spring break this behavior may be acceptable, but when his job is to represent United States' athletes, it is tough to justify such irresponsibility.

Sadly, the hits kept on coming for American competitors as speed skaters Chad Hedrick and Shani Davis performed their own little Olympic soap opera. First, Davis refused to compete in a team pursuit, and then Hedrick refused to congratulate Davis on winning the 1000 meters competition. By the end of the games, Hedrick was left asking, "Is he [Shani Davis] my teammate?" On other embarrassing notes, ice skater Johnny Weird complained that his room was too "cold and dusty," and he is "very princessy as far as travel." Furthermore, U.S. aerials skier Jeret Peterson had to go back home after fighting with police. It is depressing to have representatives of America fight, complain and underperform at the high level that is the Olympics. Olympians should all take a page out of Finland hockey player, Teemu Selanne's book. After losing three teeth in the quarterfinal game against United States, Selanne stated, "That's an okay sacrifice for the gold."

However, it was not only specific competitors who underperformed. The ratings for this year's Olympics were anything but impressive. The ratings of the Winter Olympics on Monday, Saturday and Thursday were in the top ten, but failed to beat *American Idol, Grey's Anatomy* and *Desperate Housewives*. Even worse, the ratings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday were less than the ratings of *Skating With The Stars*. For some reason people would rather watch *Full House* star Dave Coulier figure skate than the representatives in the Olympics.

Even though the Americans took home 25 out of 84 possible medals, the overemphasis on outside behavior took the spotlight off such successes like gold-medalists Ted Ligety and Julia Mancuso, and placed it upon failures and other Olympic-sized disappointments.

Track & field stars head to NY State Meet

by Doug Paetzell '09
SPORTS WRITER

Many athletes from the Hamilton men's track and field team concluded their seasons as they competed at the New York State Championship Meet. The Continentals traveled to RIT last weekend to face some of the toughest competition from Division III schools scattered throughout the state. For many Hamilton athletes, the state championship meet enabled the runners, jumpers and throwers to perform their best marks of the season.

When all points were tallied, Hamilton placed ninth in the state, behind tough teams like St. Lawrence, RPI and Cortland. Due to this exceptional level of competition, the Continentals pushed their performances to the next level.

Captain Jesse Gaylord '06 commented, "This is always the meet we peak for in the indoor season and the times, distances and heights showed it."Another factor contributing to the high level of performances was the thought that the New York State Championship Meet would be the last meet of the season. Many of the track and field athletes wanted to end their season on a high note. Other athletes, being on the brink of moving on to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship, wanted a last chance to qualify for the championship meet. With all these factors combining together, the Continentals came together to support their fellow teammates.

"It was a great team event where we were all able to support our teammates," explained Gaylord.

The Hamilton field event athletes will have three representatives at the ECAC meet this weekend. Tidelco Ductan '09, won the New York State Championship Meet by placing first in the triple jump with a distance of 13.74 meters. Claudius Zorokong '08 placed fourth in the long jump with a mark of 6.69 meters, which qualified for ECAC's. Another qualifier, Kyle Graham '06, jumped a height of 4.26 meters in the pole vault and finished seventh in the meet.

In the running events, the grueling training throughout the season proved to pay off for many of the Continental runners. The 4 x 200 meter relay, run by Will Lynch '06, Rich Schwam '06, Jay Russel '06 and Zorokong, crossed the finish line with a time of 1:33.32 and qualified for ECAC's.

Gaylord finished sixth in the 500 meter dash with a time of 68.31 seconds. Allan Guiney '08, even after having his shoe knocked off early in the race, managed to finish eighth in the mile run with a time of 4:32.82. Another Hamilton running team, the 4 x 800 meter relay, also qualified for ECACs.

This weekend, a select few athletes from the Hamilton College track and field team will go to the Eastern College Athletic Conference, which will be hosted by Ursinus.

"ECAC is the premiere track meet on the East Coast for Division III," explained Gaylord. This meet will prove to be Hamilton's greatest challenge of the season as they will encounter the toughest competition they have seen all year. Unlike previous meets , the track and field performers have set different goals for the ECAC championship.

"Since it is always hard to place at this meet, we usually go into it with an open mind and set our goals toward personal performances rather than overall placing," said Gaylord.

At the conclusion of the ECAC meet, the winter track season will finally come to a close. As the runners, jumpers and throwers reflected on the past season, many athletes felt satisfied by their performances they had this season. The Continentals felt assured that they had worked their hardest and accomplished their goals.

Gaylord asserted, "Despite the wintry weather, which wasn't always so wintry, we had the biggest team in years and had more people competing at higher levels than in years past."

Gaylord continued, "When our runners break personal bests and get into better shape, there is no disputing that the season turned out great."

The winter track and field athletes are now looking forward to the spring track season. Because of their difficult training throughout the winter, many athletes feel they are ready to compete at the highest level upon the arrival of the spring track season.

"We have the best outdoor track in the state and our training over the winter always focuses on the ultimate peak for the outdoor season," said Gaylord. When the Continental runners return to the track this spring, they will be ready to perform.

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Down with SUNY Plattsburgh, on to Amherst

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by Jack Maloney '08
SPORTS WRITER

This season, the other eight teams in the Liberty League were no match for the Hamilton College men's basketball team: they are the 2006 league champions. The team beat out both Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Union College this past weekend. The Continentals were clicking on all cylinders, and showed an utterly dominating effort. In both games it did not matter what the opponent did because Hamilton had no intention of being outplayed at home.

The tournament got underway last Friday evening when Union defeated St. Lawrence. With this already decided, the Continentals knew who their opponent would be could they reach the finals. This, however, proved to be a task the team was ready to handle. Hamilton executed their game perfectly and ended the night with a 75-63 victory.

Tsakane Ngobeni '07 shot lights out from the floor. He finished his incredible performance shooting 12-15 for 27 points. This marked a season-high for points in a game for Ngobeni. He also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds for good measure. Tim Welchons '06 had 14 points while Nick Jones '07 had 16 of his own including his one-thousandth career point. Zarrette Rogers '07 turned in another solid game coming off the bench. He ended this one with a solid 10 points including an even 2-2 from three-point distance.

Staunton Peck '06 and Phil Valenti '06 continued to help the team in whatever capacity is needed. Peck dished out a season-high seven assists. Valenti set a school single season steal record with four more steals, making his total 78 for the year.

On Saturday, Union came in with a respectable 17-9 record, but they could have been undefeated and it would not have made a difference because of the way Hamilton shot the ball. The Dutchmen never had a chance and fell to the score of 107-72.

The game ended with six Continentals in double figures. Leading the pack was Welchons, who put on a shooting clinic all afternoon. He finished the day with a season-high 30 points by going 11-18 from the floor including 8-11 from behind the arch. Eight three-pointers in a game set a tournament record. Ngobeni was at it again dropping 19 points and grabbing six rebounds. Valenti was back to his usual self putting together a very strong performance. He ended this one with 17 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals. Jones and Peck each continued to play well, turning in 11 and 10 points respectively.

However, the team saved their best performance for the first round of the NCAA tournament. Last night, Hamilton played SUNY Plattsburgh in the first round of the NCAA tournament. This is the ninth time the teams have met, and this marked Hamilton's ninth tournament appearance. Plattsburgh entered the game with an 18-10 record; however, they were 0-8 against Hamilton all-time. The game was tight throughout the entire second half but the Continentals pulled through with a one-point victory, winning 66-65.

Hamilton led much of the first half, but the Cardinals pulled ahead for the first time with just over five minutes left in regulation. Ngobeni hit a jumper with 43 seconds remaining to tie the game at 61 points. The Cardinals missed a lay-up as the game clock expired and the game went into overtime.

In overtime, Hamilton won the tip-off and the teams exchanged field goals until Jones put Hamilton ahead 66-65 with a huge offensive rebound and put in the go ahead lay-up with 44 seconds to play. The Cardinals' leading scorer Kris Gibbs-Smith went to the line with 1.6 seconds after being fouled by Peck. During the Cardinal timeout, a majority of the Hamilton student body, led by the Dawg Pound, found a spot behind Plattsburgh's hoop and proceeded to go absolutely crazy. Their antics proved successful, and Gibbs-Smith missed both free throws. Time expired and the Hamilton bench cleared, as did the fan section. The final score of 66-65 carries the Continentals to Amherst, MA where they face NESCAC Champion Amherst College (25-2) at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night.

Swim & dive season ends well

by Christopher Schimpf '07
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's and women's swimming and diving team wrapped up what is arguably the longest athletic season with the NESCAC championships the past two weekends. The women finished eight out of eleven teams two weekends ago, as they traveled up to Bowdoin College in frosty Brunswick, Maine. The men's team finished seventh at their meet, which was held at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

After the Liberty League Championships in early December, the women's team traveled down to picturesque Coral Springs, Florida for a winter invitational. After soaking up the rays, the team headed back up to the Hill to prepare for their demanding NESCAC and Liberty League schedules. Behind senior captains Taylor Austin, Suzie Wilson, Chelsea Fellows-Swenson and Emily Clinkhammer, the women's team trained hard all season, often times with double practices during the week, in order to achieve an impressive finish to their season at the NESCAC Championships.

Driving these strong finishes were several outstanding individual performances, including some newly set Hamilton College and league records. On the women's side, Clinkhammer finished third in the 3-meter board on the final day to push Hamilton up to eighth from ninth. By finishing third and scoring a total of 411.75 points, Clinkhammer was named to the All-NESCAC diving team for the 3-meter board and had a chance to qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships. Fellow Captain Suzie Wilson '06 finished sixth in the 200-yard backstroke and qualified for the finals in all of the backstroke events at the meet. By finishing with a time of 2:09.70, Suzie made the provisional cut for the NCAA Championships in the 200-yard backstroke and after being named an All-American, has a good chance of qualifying for the meet. For the women, Mary Tripp '09 competed in her first championship meet and turned in a stellar performance by finishing sixth in the 200 fly, and competed in three finals in her rookie season. In addition, Tripp broke a Hamilton record in the 200-yard freestyle, an extraordinary accomplishment for a first year swimmer.

While the men had a rough middle portion of their season, they did finish fourth at the Liberty League Championships and had an impressive finish at the NESCAC meet. Leading the men's team this past weekend was Mike Salmon '06, who won NESCAC diver of the year for the third consecutive year, as he won seven of the eight Championship events that he competed in during his four years at Hamilton.

In addition, Salmon holds the meet, team and conference record in the 1-meter board event, and was given the award for all-time career points by a senior diver. As a five time All-American, Salmon will be sorely missed next year, but there are several promising newcomers who will look to fill his void. In addition to Salmon's success, Todd Johnson '08 finished fourth in the 200-yard backstroke and made the NCAA Division III Championship provisional cut in that event. Johnson also finished in the top five in all of the backstroke events this past weekend and finished in the top 20 in total individual points. Other notable performances were turned in by Tim Reed '06, Mark Hodges '07 and Jason Brown '09 in the 1,650-yard freestyle as they finished fifth, sixth and thirteenth respectively.

The NESCAC Championships provided the Swimmers and Divers with plenty of incentive to work hard this off-season, as the prospects for next year look bright. While the departing seniors will be missed, the women's team returns 25 members and the men return 14 of 16 for the '06-'07 season, and will look to return to the top of the Liberty League and the NESCAC.